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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the Town Archives of New Hampshire is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of the Town of Exeter, is number XI of the Rockingham County series of towns.

The Historical Records Survey program was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment to needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the county, and also the needs of lawyers, businessmen and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

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The inventories produced by the Historical Records Survey program attempt to do more than give merely a list of records - they attempt further to sketch in the historical background of the county or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the government agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and other local inventories for the entire country will, when completed, constitute an encyclopedia of local government as well as a bibliography of local archives.

The successful conclusion of the work of the Historical Records Survey program, even in a single county, would not be possible without the support of public officials, historical and legal specialists, and many other groups in the community. Their cooperation is gratefully acknowledged.

The Survey program was organized by Luther H. Evans, who served as Director until March 1, 1940, when he was succeeded by Sargent B. Child, who had been National Field Supervisor since the inauguration of the Survey. The Survey program operates as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Professional and Service Projects, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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P R E F A C E

The Historical Records Survey was initiated in January 1936 as a Nation-wide undertaking of the Work Projects Administration, but did not begin operations in New Hampshire until April 7. Prior to August 31, 1939, the Survey was Federally sponsored, but since that date it has been a local project sponsored by the University of New Hampshire.

The purpose of the Survey is to make accessible to lawyers, historians, and students of government the records of State, county, municipal, and town offices. In addition church records, including those of defunct organizations, are being inventoried so that ground work may be laid for research in this field of social history. The present volume is the fifth of a series of inventories concerning town archives of New Hampshire. A key volume, Town Government in New Hampshire, to be used with each of the town inventories, and a guide to manuscript depositories in New Hampshire have recently been published. Five volumes on county archives and one volume on church records have also been issued.

In addition to listing the records of the different town officers the inventory sketches briefly the historical background of the town and describes the organization of the government agencies whose records are listed. The first listing of the Exeter records was done in the fall of 1939 by Joseph A. O'Brien and Alice M. O'Connell. The recheck was completed and the listing of the records brought up to date in the summer of 1940 by James S. Mackay and Herbert E. Brown. The forms were edited by Roderic B. Kenison and the entries were written by Samuel T. Bakus and Perley L. Cater. The essays in this publication were written by Elsa Ryan Bready and Paul Silver. The editorial work was done by Gordon F. Palmer, State editor, assisted by William T. Clear. The legal research, which forms the basis for the essays, was conducted under the direction of Beatrice B. Calnan. The maps, charts, and cover design were drawn by Edward F. Tilt, project artist. The index was prepared by Beatrice B. Calnan. Documentation was checked by Lester C. Rhodes and Arthur C. Whitmore. The stencils were cut by Alice A. Telge and the mimeographing was done by Rita E. Duffley and Mary Abreu under the direction of Kathleen E. Schragle. Helpful criticism of this inventory in manuscript form was offered by Mabel S. Brodie, assistant archivist in charge of public records inventories, and Ernest J. Saigh, assistant editor, of the National office staff.

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The inventory of the archives of the towns of Rockingham County is number 8 of the New Hampshire series. The Exeter inventory is volume XI of the Rockingham series.

Preface

Copies of the inventory will be distributed to government agencies, colleges, the University, and to libraries in New Hampshire and outside the State. A complete list of publications will be found on page 98. Requests for information concerning these volumes should be addressed to the State Supervisor, Administration Building, Lincoln and Silver Streets, Manchester, New Hampshire.

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COVER DESIGN

The Old Garrison House, built about 1650, is one of the oldest houses in New Hampshire. The cover design is a likeness, according to all available information, of the original structure. The present building is much larger than the original, additions having been made as often as was required by the rapid increase in the family of Councilor John Gilman, the owner, who was the father of sixteen children. Peter Gilman, a grandson of John Gilman, added a wing to the front part of the house for the express use of John Wentworth, the last royal Governor of the Province of New Hampshire.

The original building was a two-story structure of sawed logs. For protection against the Indians the upper story projected about a foot beyond the lower, and the windows were virtually loopholes. Although never attacked the house must have been used frequently as a refuge during the latter part of the seventeenth and the earlier part of the eighteenth centuries, as Exeter, being a frontier town, suffered from repeated Indian attacks. An attack on the building was planned by the Indians at one time but, when a bell was rung to summon the children from the woods where they were berrying, the Indians, lurking in the vicinity, thought they had been discovered and fled.

After nearly 300 years, the Old Garrison House still stands, a monument to the strength and endurance of the early settlers of Exeter.

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A. TOWN OF EXETER AND ITS RECORD SYSTEM

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Reverend John Wheelwright, the founder of Exeter, was born in Lincolnshire, England, probably in 1592. He attended Sidney College, Cambridge, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1614, and his master's degree in 1618. Oliver Cromwell was one of his fellow collegians. Wheelwright, whose first wife was the daughter of the Vicar of Bilsby, succeeded his father-in-law in the vicarage. He fell out of sympathy with some of the principles of the established church, however, and joined the ranks of the Puritans. In 1636 he emigrated to Massachusetts with his second wife and five children, and he was placed in charge of a church in what is now Quincy.¹

Wheelwright's stay in Massachusetts was of short duration. His wife's sister-in-law, Anne Hutchinson, disseminated certain opinions which were objectionable to the ruling authorities of church and state. Wheelwright was involved in this dispute, which became known as the Antinomian controversy. Both he and Mrs. Hutchinson were banished from the colony. Mrs. Hutchinson sought sanctuary in Rhode Island, but Wheelwright journeyed to the New Hampshire wilderness, where he purchased land from the Indians.²

Two deeds of purchase dated April 3, 1638 are still preserved. The main difference between the two instruments lies in the fact that in one the boundary is cited as the Merrimack River; in the other it is a line three miles north of the river. The deeds bear the totems or distinctive marks of their respective Indian signers.³

It is now believed that the deed fixing the Merrimack River as the boundary is the only deed actually signed on April 3, 1638, and that the deed fixing the line as three miles north of the river was drawn up by Wheelwright's friends some years later and predated, its purpose being to reinforce the Wheelwright claims should the other deed be questioned.⁴

In a lawsuit occurring in 1707 another "Wheelwright deed" was introduced. This was dated 1629 and its terminology conveyed even more land than the deeds dated 1638. It was accepted in the courts and for a long time was regarded as genuine. But its authenticity was questioned in 1820 by James Savage whose view was adopted by such historians as John Farmer and Nathaniel Bouton.⁵ Students of Exeter history, at the present time, hold the opinion that the 1629 deed was a forgery designed to fight the Masonian claims, and that it was unknown to Wheelwright. One reason for disallowing its authenticity is that Wheelwright in 1629 was not in New Hampshire—or even in America, barring the possibility that he came to the New World on a secret visit at that time.⁶

Wheelwright's banishment occurred in November 1637. By the next spring, a number of his followers had gathered about him to form a new

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1. Charles H. Bell, History of the Town of Exeter, New Hampshire, (Exeter, New Hampshire, 1888), pp. 5, 6.
 2. Ibid., pp. 6, 7.
 3. Ibid., pp. 8, 9; New Hampshire State Papers, 11:639.
 4. Statement of Albertus T. Dudley, president of Exeter Historical Society.
 5. Bell, op. cit., 10.
 6. Statement of Albertus T. Dudley.

community in the wilderness. This settlement, at the falls of the Squamscot (Exeter) River, received the name of Exeter.¹ The task of settlement was an arduous one. Since means of transportation were inadequate, many needs of the settlers had to be supplied within the community. Houses, furniture, and the like were fashioned from the trees of the surrounding forest which the settlers chopped down while they were clearing the land for cultivation.²

In 1639 the settlers agreed, in a document referred to as the Exeter Combination,³ to set up a form of government, and to submit to the laws of England and to the laws enacted among themselves.⁴ After 4 years as a self-governing political unit, the inhabitants petitioned to be received within the government of Massachusetts. On September 7, 1643 Massachusetts accepted jurisdiction over Exeter, and attached it to Norfolk County, then recently formed.⁵ The Massachusetts jurisdiction continued until 1679 when Exeter was united with the other New Hampshire communities to constitute a separate royal province.⁶

Present day Exeter is much smaller than the original Wheelwright purchase.⁷ At first, however, there was an increase in territory, when Exeter inhabitants (1639) purchased from the Indians land which now includes the town of Hampton.⁸ The Massachusetts Legislature, in the sixteen-fifties, cut the Exeter territory in half, although, in the same decade, the town received some land as a gift from Thomas Wiggin.⁹

Exeter participated in several boundary disputes. As late as 1710 there appeared to be some doubt as to the bounds between Exeter and Dover, since a committee for settling the Exeter-Dover line was appointed in that year.¹⁰ The northern section of Exeter was incorporated as Newmarket in 1727;¹¹ Epping and Brentwood were set off from it in 1742.¹² Exeter suffered a minor loss of territory in 1853 when "all those portions of the homestead farms of John Pease, Joseph Colcord, and Joshua W. Neal, of South New Market, situated in the town of Exeter" were annexed to South Newmarket (Newfields).¹³

Since Exeter was founded by Reverend John Wheelwright, it was essentially a religious settlement. A church organization, with Reverend Mr. Wheelwright as its head, existed at least by December 1638.¹⁴ When

1. Bell, op. cit., pp. 4, 7, 11, 12.

2. Ibid., pp. 10, 11.

3. For copy of Exeter Combination, see p. 14.

4. New Hampshire State Papers, 9:250, 251.

5. Bell, op. cit., pp. 44-46.

6. See introduction to Laws of New Hampshire, 1:xli, xlii; Jeremy Belknap, History of New Hampshire, (Farmer edition, Dover, New Hampshire, 1831), pp. 88-90; W. H. Fry, New Hampshire as a Royal Province, (New York, 1908), p. 65.

7. Compare maps on pp. 12, 13.

8. New Hampshire Manual for the General Court 1917, p. 33.

9. Id.

10. Bell, op. cit., p. 120.

11. Laws of New Hampshire, 2:399 (1727).

12. Ibid., 2:669-671, 709, 710 (1742).

13. New Hampshire Laws of 1852, ch. 1299. (Approved Jan. 7, 1853),

14. Bell, op. cit., p. 12.

Exeter passed under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts in 1643, Reverend Mr. Wheelwright moved to Wells, Maine, leaving Thomas Rashleigh in charge of the Exeter church. Mr. Rashleigh remained less than a year. About the time that Mr. Rashleigh left, plans were made by some of the inhabitants to organize a new church with Reverend Stephen Bachiler of Hampton in charge. These plans, however, were vetoed by the Massachusetts General Court which, at the same time, lifted the Wheelwright banishment. The Exeter inhabitants immediately invited Wheelwright to return, but he did not accept the invitation, and the town was without a settled minister until 1650¹ when it secured the services of Reverend Samuel Dudley.²

In 1743 some of the inhabitants seceded from the town church and established a religious organization of their own;³ but they were required to pay taxes to support the earlier church until 1755 when they were freed by law from this obligation. The town was divided into two parishes at that time.⁴

The early settlers of Exeter did not neglect the education of their children. One of their number was Philemon Pormort, an experienced schoolmaster. For a number of years it is probable that the responsibility for maintaining schools was assumed by the parents of the scholars rather than the town.⁵ But in 1703 the town voted that

ye Selackmen Shall higher a Scoulmaster for one hold yere
and ye Selackmen to order ye sd Scoulmaster to Keep Scoul
three mounths in ye old meeting hous and to order ye other
part of his time according to tha discertion off [three
named men] thos men * * * to [provide] Sd Scoulmaster
with hous rume & fire wood * * *.⁶

In 1706 the town voted again to hire a schoolmaster,⁷ and the following year agreed to build a schoolhouse on the land bought from a Mr. Coffin.⁸ School districts were established as early as 1742.⁹ A high school was established in 1848 with Elbridge G. Dalton as principal.¹⁰ At present Exeter is the headquarters of Supervisory Union No. 16.¹¹

The Robinson Female Seminary was founded as the result of bequests of money and land. The monetary bequest came from William Robinson. The school was to provide education for Exeter girls over 9 years of age, qualified for admission to the common grammar schools, without payment of tuition, with provisions made for the instruction of other females upon payment of tuition. Nine managers chosen by the voters of Exeter were to govern this school, with three elected annually for a 3-year term.¹² The

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1. Bell, op. cit., pp. 155-158.
 2. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 44 (1650), see entry 1.
 3. Bell, op. cit., p. 185.
 4. Laws of New Hampshire, 3:124-126 (1755).
 5. Bell, op. cit., p. 285.
 6. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 97 (1703), see entry 1.
 7. Ibid., p. 105 (1706).
 8. Ibid., p. 107 (1707).
 9. Ibid., vol. 3, pp. 17, 18 (1742).
 10. Bell, op. cit., p. 290.
 11. New Hampshire Register, 1939, p. 36.
 12. T. M. B., vol. 8, pp. 415, 422, 430 (1866), see entry 1.

school was opened with the approval of the legislature in 1867¹ in the old town hall, and the following year a school building was begun. This building was completed and opened in 1869. Eben Sperry Stearns was the first principal.²

At the present time the Robinson Female Seminary is governed by seven trustees, one of whom is elected annually at the March meeting for a 7-year term. The present purpose of the institution is to instruct girls in grades 7-12. Tuition is furnished free to girls residing in Exeter. The school is classified as a public academy, and it is supported partly from private funds and partly from money appropriated by the town. This school is exclusively for girls; boys receive instruction in the Exeter High School.

The Robinson Female Seminary had a predecessor--the Exeter Female Academy which, incorporated in 1826, continued until 1864. It attracted a large number of pupils from out of town.³

The State legislature, April 3, 1781, incorporated Phillips Exeter Academy in the following language:

Whereas the Education of Youth has ever been considered by the wise & good, as an object of the highest consequence to the safety & happiness of a People; as at an early period in life the mind easily receives & retains impressions; and is most susceptible of the Rudiments of useful knowledge; And whereas the Honorable John Phillips of Exeter in the County of Rockingham Esquire, is desirous of giving to Trustees hereinafter to be appointed, certain Lands & personal Estate to be by said Trustees forever appropriated & expended for the support of a public Free School or Academy in the Town of Exeter * * * Be it therefore enacted * * * That there be & hereby is established * * * an Academy by the name of the Phillips Exeter Academy, for the purpose of promoting piety & virtue, and for the Education of Youth in the English Latin, and Greek Languages; in Writing, Arithmetic, Musick, & the Art of Speaking; Practical Geometry, Logic, and Geography, and such other of the Liberal Arts and Sciences or Languages as opportunity may hereafter permit, and as the Trustees hereinafter provided shall direct * * *.

The first trustees were John Phillips, Daniel Tilton, Thomas Odiorne, Benjamin Thurston, John Pickering, Samuel Phillips, junior, and the Reverend David McClure.⁴

John Phillips, who organized the Academy, endowed it with a gift of about \$60,000.⁵ He was active in its affairs until his death on April 21, 1795.⁶ The town of Exeter extended him a vote of thanks in 1794,⁷ and leased land for 900 years to the Academy in 1802.⁸ Phillips Exeter is the

1. New Hampshire Laws of 1867, ch. XCVI.

2. Bell, op. cit., p. 292.

3. Laws of New Hampshire, 9:501 (1826); W. G. Perry, Exeter in 1830, (Exeter, New Hampshire, preface dated 1913), p. 93.

4. Laws of New Hampshire, 4:370-373 (1781).

5. Bell, op. cit., p. 293.

6. Granite Monthly, vol. 1, Old Series, pp. 14, 15.

7. T. M. B., vol. 3, pp. 464, 465 (1794), see entry 1.

8. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 15 (1802).

oldest institution of learning established by State authority, Dartmouth College having, in 1769, received a royal grant.¹

The Academy opened its doors May 1, 1783.² From its inception the institution has been successful, and at present is regarded as one of the leading preparatory schools in the United States. It now possesses fifty buildings including the original Academy building--the smallest of the group. It also owns a considerable amount of land. The student enrollment has reached 700, and the faculty has grown to eighty members.³ The Academy is a private institution, and is not connected with the public school system of Exeter.

Exeter, as were other frontier settlements, was subject to Indian raids during its earlier years; but by 1744 the partial settlement of several tiers of townships between Exeter and Canada had relieved Exeter from the threat of direct Indian forays.⁴

At the beginning of the Revolution, Exeter sent 108 men to the colonial army.⁵ During the course of the war, this town voted relief to families of soldiers, bounties to enlisted men, and--for those soldiers who had not received bounties--poll tax exemption for as many years as they had served.⁶

As the war progressed, the keeping of prices within reasonable limits became a vexing problem. The inhabitants voted in July 1779 to choose a committee of seven persons consisting of "Traders Tradesmen and Husbandmen" to present a plan for reducing the prices of necessary articles and for maintaining the credit of the currency. The committee reported a list of commodities with a maximum price for each. For example, the price of molasses was not to exceed 4 pounds, 16 shillings a gallon; West Indian rum, 8 pounds, 8 shillings; and New England rum, 5 pounds, 8 shillings. The price per pound of beef was limited to 4 shillings, 6 pence; tea, 8 pounds, 8 shillings; and coffee, 22 shillings. The price per bushel of wheat was limited to 9 pounds, 12 shillings; and Indian corn, 5 pounds, 8 shillings.⁷

Exeter, in common with most of New England, was strongly opposed to the second war with Great Britain.⁸ This anti-war sentiment found expression in the report of a committee that had been appointed to consider the articles in a town meeting warrant:

* * * as Congress has, by law, provided for the compensation of the Militia, when employed in the service of the United States, and no law * * * having made it

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1. Granite Monthly, vol. 1, Old Series, p. 14.
 2. New Hampshire Gazette, May 10, 1783.
 3. Albertus T. Dudley, "Exeter Through the Years," Exeter Tercentenary Commemoration 1638-1938, (n.p.n.d.), pp. not numbered.
 4. For account of Indian raids on Exeter, see Bell, op. cit., pp. 215-230.
 5. Ibid., p. 243.
 6. See T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 323 (1776), p. 336 (1778), pp. 364, 365 (1780), p. 403 (1784), see entry 1.
 7. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 356 (1779).
 8. See B. J. Lossing, Field-Book of the War of 1812, (New York, 1869), p. 243.

the duty of Towns to add to such compensation we consider any measures for this purpose, as unnecessary and improper, if not illegal, and that those who have thought fit to make the services of Militia at this time, particularly necessary are the only constitutional Judges of the compensation to which such services ought to be intitled.

* * * we deem it improper to take on ourselves burdens
* * * for the support of an offensive war in which as a Town we have no particular interest and which in our opinion neither the honor nor the interest of the Nation demanded * * * but that we greatly fear its tendency will be to injure, if not destroy, our system of government, and ultimately to occasion a foreign alliance which we should consider the greatest possible national evil.

* * * we pledge ourselves to our country & the world that we will never be found among those who rebel against constitutional laws we feel ourselves bound as friends to the protestant religion to independance, to national union & hapiness (& under a sense of our accountability to our families to posterity & to God) to forbear any act, which may be considered an approbation of a war, that may produce such Calamities.

* * * under Providence peace & prosperity can be restored to us only by the election of Rulers, who have wisdom to discern & integrity to pursue the true interest of their Country & who will administer the government on the principles of our beloved WASHINGTON¹

In September 1814 Captains Nathaniel Gilman, 3rd, and James Thom were ordered with their companies to Portsmouth. The greater part of these companies probably came from Exeter. Their term of service was about 3 weeks. Later Captain Jacob Dearborn's company, enlisted for 60 days' service, contained seven men credited to Exeter. This comprised the extent of the town's participation in the War of 1812.²

At the outbreak of the Civil War, however, it was a different story. In May 1861 it was resolved to borrow up to \$5,000 for use as additional compensation for those enlisting.³ The following year soldier bounties were \$100 or \$125 per man, depending upon whether the enlistment was in a new regiment or an old one.⁴ Enlistments in the naval service brought a bounty of \$100.⁵ In 1863 the bounty for every inhabitant or substitute drafted or conscripted into the service was raised to \$300.⁶ During the World War the citizens of Exeter pledged their support and full cooperation in prosecution of the war.⁷ It was voted in 1919 to publish in the

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1. T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 155 (1812), see entry 1.
 2. Bell, op. cit., p. 257.
 3. T. M. B., vol. 8, p. 242 (1861), see entry 1.
 4. Ibid., vol. 8, p. 271 (1862).
 5. Ibid., p. 291 (1862).
 6. Ibid., p. 319 (1863).
 7. Ibid., vol. 12, p. 334 (1918).

annual town report, a complete list of those who had served in the war.¹

The first mill in Exeter was built by Thomas Wilson, and it was used to grind grain for residents of the town. The mill site and the island on which he erected his home were granted to him by the town.² A saw mill appeared in 1647 when Edward Gilman "ye younger" was accepted as a "Townsmen" and given liberty to set up such a mill.³ Two years later it was voted not to permit any other person to set up a saw mill where it would interfere with Gilman's rights.⁴ Wilson's grist mill continued to be the only one of that sort in the town until 1670 when John Gilman was granted leave to erect another.⁵ At the beginning of the Revolution, because of the scarcity of gunpowder, Colonels Samuel Hobart and Samuel Folsom erected a gunpowder mill in Exeter. This was the first such mill in the State. Many difficulties were encountered in establishing this mill, but these were overcome and the mill began operations in August of 1776. It was capable of manufacturing 2,400 pounds of powder in a week. Exeter's committee of safety visited the mill, tried out the gunpowder, and judged it in every respect equal to that imported from Europe. At the close of the war the facilities of this plant were used for slitting iron into nail rods, thereby expediting the manufacture of nails. About 1795 Colonel Hobart sold his land, mills, and water rights and apparently retired. The plant after that time was used for many purposes, including the manufacture of cotton cloth.⁶

In 1824 Dr. William Perry established a mill for the manufacturing of starch from potatoes. He was prompted by the belief that British gum, used by manufacturers of cotton as a sizing for their cloth, was merely charred starch. This, being imported, was expensive. Dr. Perry succeeded in making a starch which, when used in the Lowell mills, proved a perfect substitute for British gum. Dr. Perry's plant was burned in 1827, but it was immediately rebuilt; it was burned a second time in 1830 and again rebuilt. From thirty to forty thousand bushels of potatoes were used annually. Eventually, due to rising competition in this field, the plant had to be turned to other uses.⁷

The first paper mill was established in 1778 by Richard Jordan.⁸ In his diary, George Washington--after a visit to Exeter in 1789--recorded the existence of two oil mills and a snuff mill, as well. The oil mills were for extracting linseed oil from flaxseed.⁹

The making of books was once an important industry in Exeter. In fact during the years 1790-1835 more books were published in Exeter than in New York.¹⁰

Shipbuilding was an important industry in the early days of the town when the river was more navigable. The manufacture of saddles and carriages

1. T. M. B., vol. 12, p. 384 (1919), see entry 1.

2. Bell, op. cit., p. 317.

3. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 9 (1647), see entry 1.

4. Ibid., p. 14 (1649).

5. Ibid., p. 29 (1670).

6. Bell, op. cit., pp. 328-330.

7. Ibid., p. 332.

8. Ibid., p. 327. See also New Hampshire State Papers, 11:658.

9. J. C. Fitzpatrick, ed., The Diaries of George Washington, (Boston and New York, 1925), 4:46.

10. Statement of Albertus T. Dudley.

was carried on, hats were made, duck or sail cloth was manufactured, leather was tanned, and boots and shoes were produced. One of the earlier shoe-making concerns was the Exeter Boot and Shoe Company. It was this company that, in its earlier years, gave Exeter its greatest impetus in the shoe industry.¹

The Exeter Manufacturing Company was incorporated in 1827,² and began the manufacture of cotton sheeting. The undertaking was successful from the first,³ and it now employs 330 workers. Other industries now operating in Exeter include the Exeter Handkerchief Company with fifty employees; the establishment of Alfred Eno, making hand-made, water-struck brick and employing twenty-two men; the Exeter Brass Works, employing eleven men; the Higgins Ice Cream Company with seven employees; the G. W. and C. A. Lane Company, employing four men to make machinery, with more help being added when the work demands it; the Asbestos Products Company, making asbestos mats and table pads; and the Ray Wood Heel Company with nineteen employees; making wood heels used in the manufacturing of ladies' shoes.

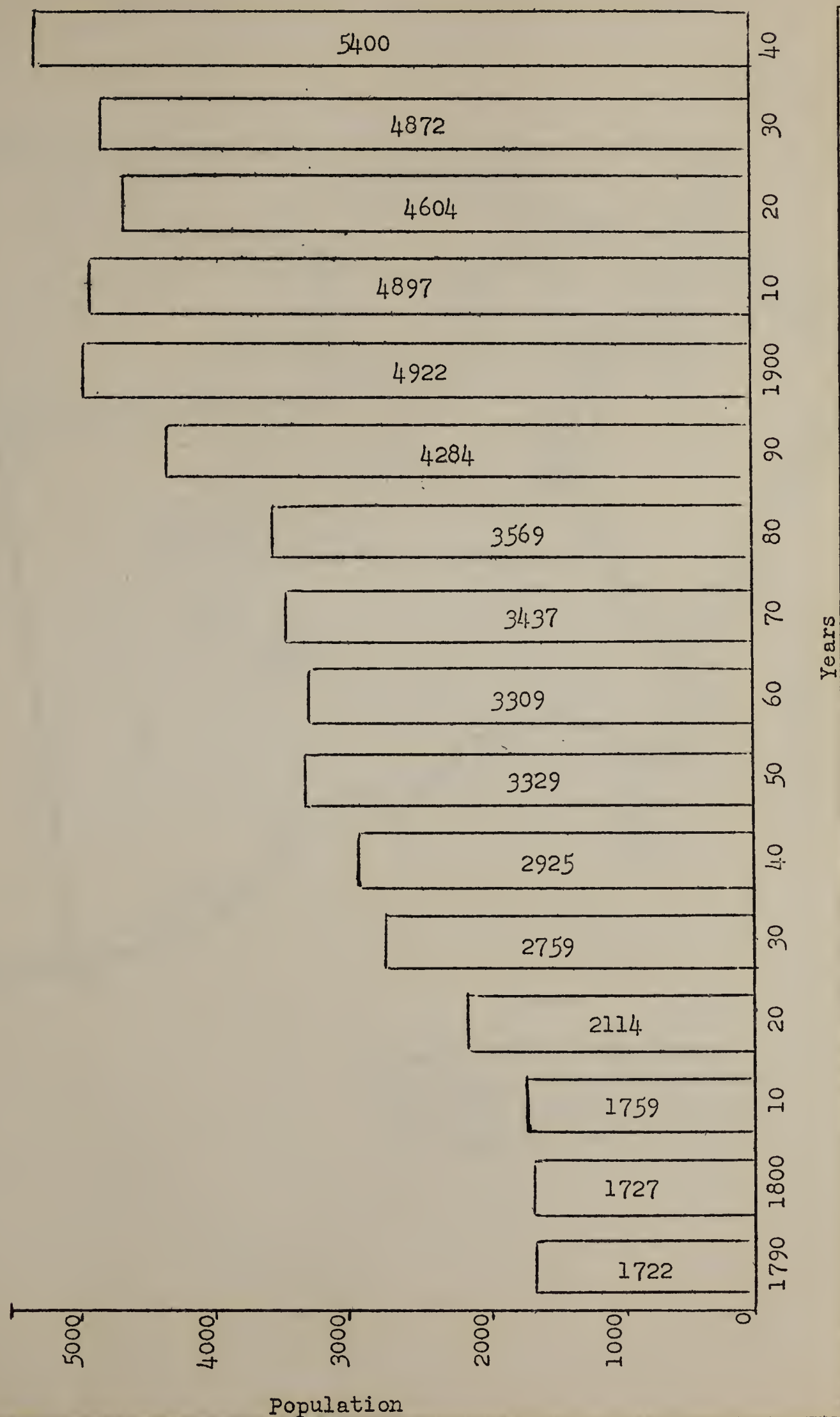
Exeter is located in the eastern half of Rockingham County about 35 miles east of Manchester and 13 miles southwest of Portsmouth. It is bounded on the east by Stratham; on the south by Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, and East Kingston; on the west by Brentwood and Epping; and on the north by Newfields.

1. Bell, op. cit., pp. 336-341.

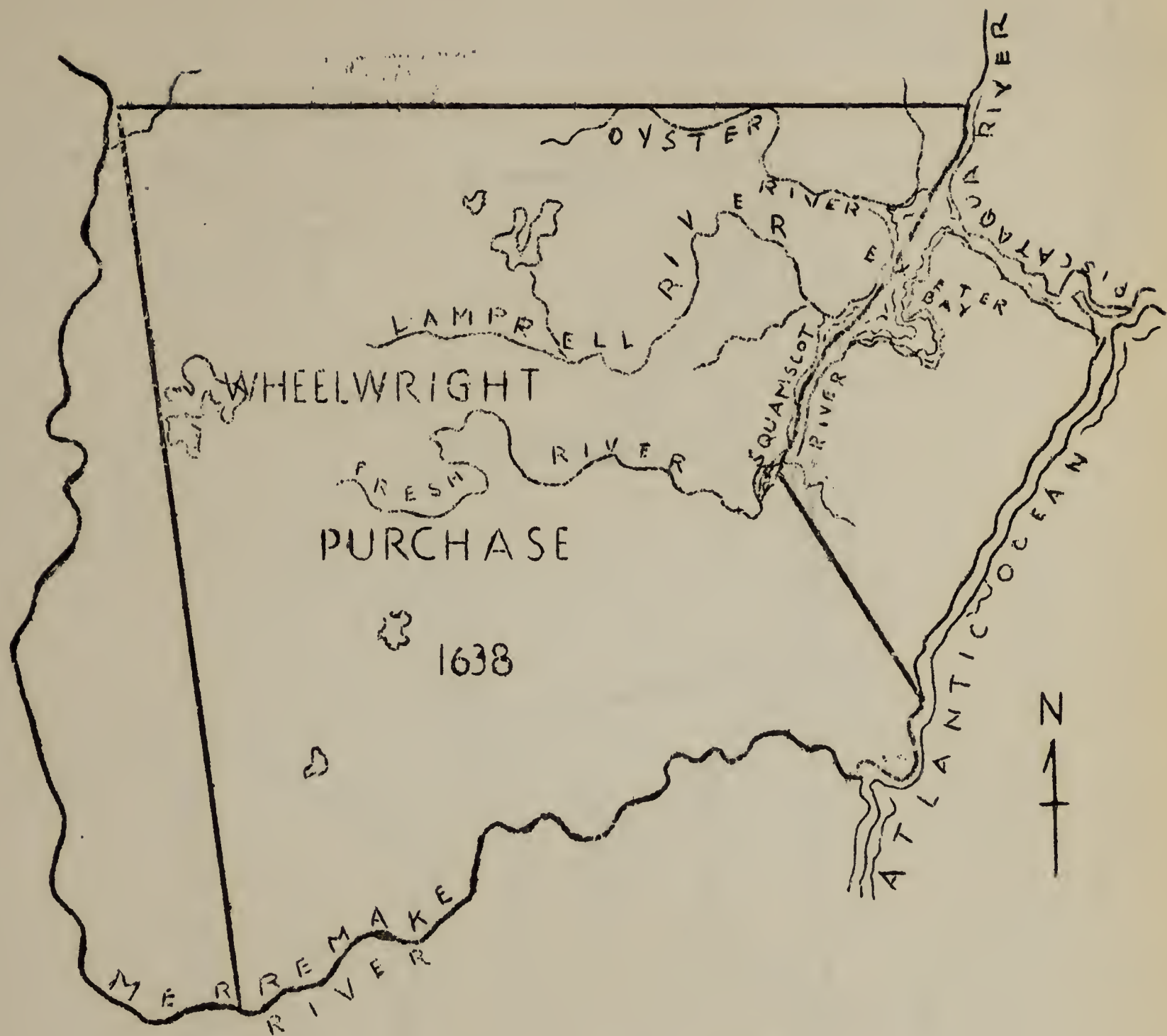
2. Laws of New Hampshire, 9:593, 594 (1827).

3. Bell, op. cit., pp. 332, 333.

EXETER POPULATION GRAPH
Based on N. H. Manual for the General Court



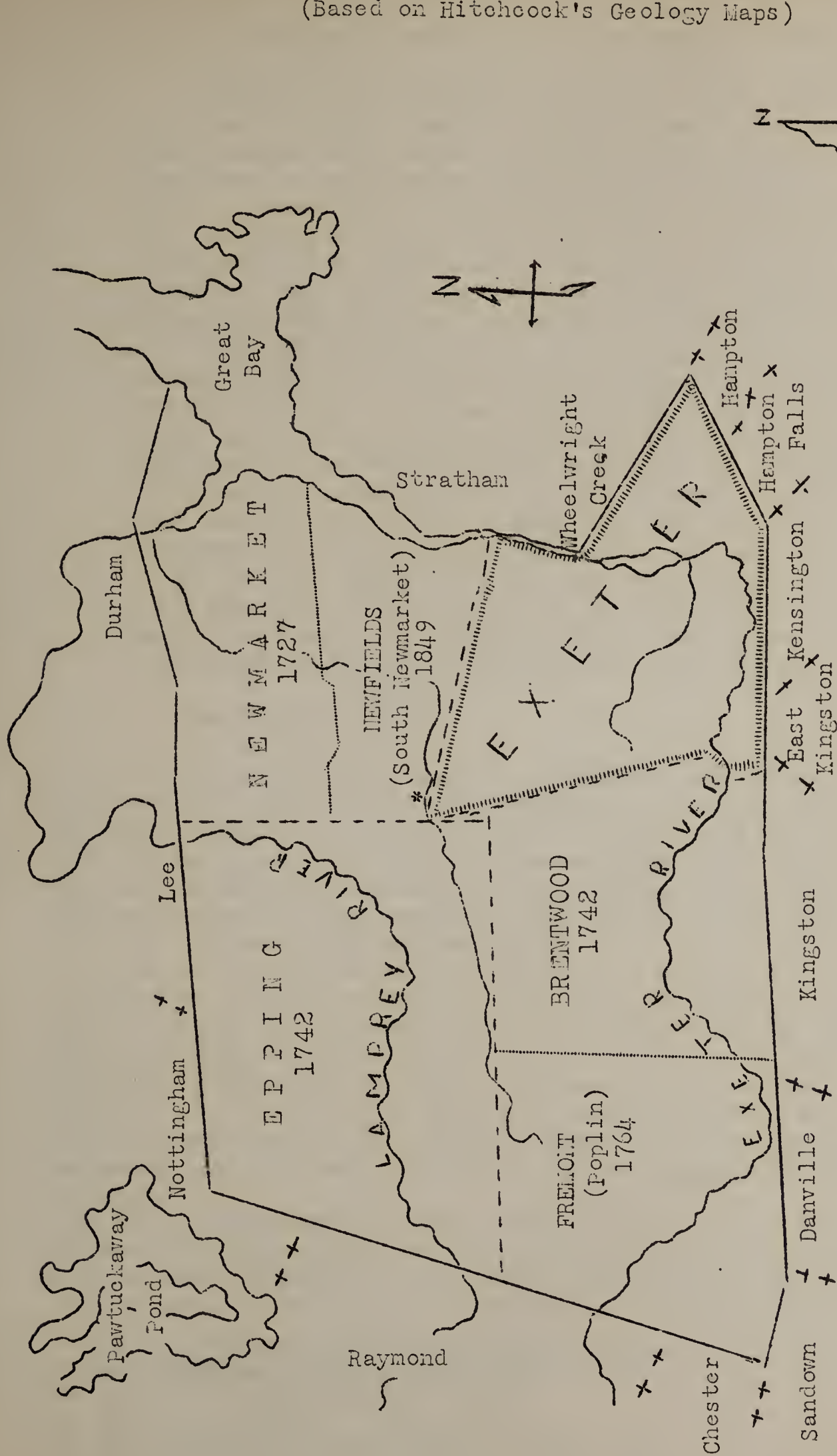
APPROXIMATE MAP OF WHEELWRIGHT PURCHASE, 1638



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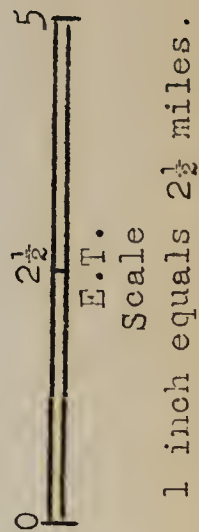
1. Names used in early days.
2. For copy of Wheelwright deeds on which this map is based, see Appendix entry 1.

PRESENT DAY EXETER SHOWING DIVISIONS SINCE 1727
(Based on Hitchcock's Geology Maps)



LEGEND

1. ——— Bounds of Exeter in 1710.
2. - - - - - Bounds of present Exeter.
3. - - - - - Bounds of original divisions of Exeter.
4. - - - - - Bounds of subdivisions of original divisions.
5. xxxxxxxx Surrounding towns.
6. * Indicates approximate location of farms detached from Exeter, 1853.



2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Whereas it hath pleased the Lord to move the heart of our dread Sovereign Charles by the grace of God King &c to grant license and liberty to sundry of his subjects to plant themselves in the western parts of America---We his loyal subjects, brethren of the church in Exeter, situate and lying upon the river Pascataquacke with other inhabitants there, considering with ourselves the holy will of God and our own necessity, that we should not live without wholesome laws and government among us, of which we are altogether destitute, do in the name of Christ and in the sight of God combine ourselves together to erect and set up amongst us such government as shall be to our best discerning agreeable to the will of God professing ourselves subjects to our Sovereign Lord King Charles, according to the liberties of our English colony of the Massachusetts, and binding ourselves solemnly by the grace and help of Christ, and in his name and fear, to submit ourselves to such godly and christian laws as are established in the realm of England to our best knowledge, and to all other such laws which shall upon good grounds be made and enacted amongst us according to God, that we may live quietly & peaceably together in all godliness and honesty.

Mo. 5 D. 4, 1639.¹

The above document, known as the Exeter Combination, represented a unique step in the history of government. Reverend John Wheelwright's followers, isolated in the wilderness, early realized the need of setting up a system by which they might govern themselves. Their resolve to do this was embodied in the Exeter Combination. The document was signed by thirty-five men of the community, the first name being that of their spiritual leader, John Wheelwright.²

The scheme of government adopted as a result of the Combination was as follows: A board of three magistrates, or elders, elected by the entire body of the freemen, acted in an executive and judicial capacity. The chief magistrate was called ruler. The body of freemen acted in a legislative capacity, but their enactments were subject to approval by the ruler.³ Two forms of oaths were prescribed—one for the magistrates (elders) and one for the people.⁴ The first ruler was Isack Grosse. His colleagues on the board of magistrates were Augustine Storr and Anthony Stanyon.⁵

It is interesting to list some of the regulations adopted by this pioneer community during the first two years of its self-government. All persons were forbidden to set fire to the woods if feed for cattle would be destroyed by so doing, or any other harm would result. Every man was

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1. New Hampshire State Papers, 9:250, 251.
 2. Id.; Bell, op. cit., pp. 15-18.
 3. Bell, op. cit., p. 18.
 4. New Hampshire State Papers, 9:251, 252.
 5. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 19 (1639), see entry 1.

obligated to cut down any trees on his land that caused offense to another. Any person, digging a sawpit and failing to fill or cover it, was made liable to pay the damages that might result to man or beast. Each inhabitant was accorded freedom to trade with the Indians in all articles except powder, shot, weapons, and liquors. The price of corn traded with the Indians was limited to four shillings a bushel. Treason was made punishable by death. Free fishing was allowed, except that any person who built a weir was to have priority of rights therein during the fishing season; but any person might set a weir above or below the one in question and enjoy the same rights. Any inhabitant buying land from the Indians was to offer it to the town before using it for his own purposes.¹

Exeter continued 4 years as an independent political unit. In May 1643, however, it petitioned the Massachusetts General Court to be received within the jurisdiction of that government. This petition was rejected, but a second one was sent immediately afterward. As a result of the second petition, Exeter was taken within the government of Massachusetts. Three men were appointed to adjust boundaries between Exeter and Hampton; three magistrates were designated to try small causes in Exeter; and a clerk of the writs was named.² Massachusetts governed Exeter from 1643 to 1679. In the latter year the Crown united Exeter with the other New Hampshire towns in a royal province separate from the Bay Colony.³

With the establishment of counties in 1769, Exeter was made one of the county seats of Rockingham County, and provisions were made to hold one session of the court there each year.⁴ At the present time Exeter is a half-shire town and, as such, one session of the court is held there annually.⁵

The first Provincial Congress was held in Exeter July 21, 1774, wherein Nathaniel Folsom and John Sullivan were chosen delegates to the Continental Congress.⁶ Four additional Provincial Congresses met in Exeter during 1775, and the third of these was kept alive by repeated adjournments until the fifteenth of November. During these adjournments the Provincial Committee of Safety was in continual session, filling what otherwise would have been a dangerous interim in governmental activities. The last Provincial Congress met December twenty-first and, after 2 weeks of deliberation, resolved itself into a House of Representatives and adopted a written constitution, the first in the United States. Exeter had become practically the capital of the State, and all civil and military activities were centered there.⁷ From 1776 to 1784 nearly all sessions of the legislature were held in Exeter, but for the next 15 years these meetings were divided among three or four different towns, Exeter receiving a share. The last session of the legislature held in Exeter was in December 1799.⁸

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1. Laws of New Hampshire, Appendix B, 1:738-741; T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ (1639), see entry 1.
 2. New Hampshire State Papers, 1:170, 171; Bell, op. cit., pp. 44-47.
 3. Laws of New Hampshire, 1:1-8 (1679).
 4. Ibid., 3:524-530 (1769).
 5. See New Hampshire Manual for the General Court 1939, p. 406.
 6. Bell, op. cit., p. 84.
 7. Ibid., pp. 87-90.
 8. Ibid., pp. 102, 103.

In New Hampshire towns, a great deal of importance is attached to the offices of town clerk and selectmen. This is obvious, since the town clerk is the chief recording officer, and the selectmen are the executive officers.

The early background of these two offices is somewhat different in Exeter from that in other New Hampshire towns. In Exeter the predecessor of the town clerk seems to have been the person who acted as secretary of the court (body of freemen).¹ As already mentioned, the executive authority, following the adoption of the Exeter Combination, was vested in a board of three magistrates, the chief of whom was styled ruler.² This board was later replaced by the townsmen who were the direct predecessors of the selectmen.³

The pattern of government evolved slowly. In 1651, thirteen years after the settlement of the community, the election to only five town offices was recorded. These were the offices of townsman, lot layer, constable, highway surveyor, and tythingman.⁴ In addition, it is very probable that Exeter had the office of clerk held over from a previous election. It is also probable that the continuity of the latter office has not been broken at any subsequent time even though there are gaps in the recording of elections to this office. A "townsman" is now a selectman. The highway surveyor has become the highway agent. Exeter does not retain the office of lot layer, constable, or tythingman.

During the course of its history, Exeter has had a large number of offices in addition to those mentioned above. Slightly more than half of the total number have functioned for a time and then disappeared. These are the offices of surplus revenue agent, supervising (superintending) school committee, prudential school committee, dog constable, liquor agent, fireward, building inspector, sealer of weights and measures, sealer of leather, milk inspector, culler of staves, corder of wood, surveyor of timber and plank, culler of pipe staves, surveyor of stone, surveyor of plastering, pound-keeper, hayward, field driver, hogreeve, fish warden, deer inspector, clerk of the market, keeper of the burial cloth, sexton, and bell ringer.

At the present time the voters of Exeter, at their annual town meeting, elect a treasurer, town clerk, highway agent, tax collector, two auditors,¹ twelve weighers, two fence viewers, and five surveyors of wood, lumber, and bark to serve one year. This same annual meeting elects, to serve three years, one selectman, three library committee members, one trustee of trust funds, and one trustee of the Swasey Parkway. One trustee of the Robinson Female Seminary is elected for a seven-year term. The voters, at the November biennial elections, choose one moderator and three supervisors of the check-list. The selectmen appoint five ballot inspectors for two years and one relief agent for one year. To assist them in preparing the town budget, they annually appoint six members of the recommendations (appropriations) committee. The selectmen recommend the health officer, appointed by the State Board of Health for three years, and the forest fire warden, appointed by the State Forester for one

1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 16 (1642), see entry 1. Bell, op. cit., p. 148.

2. Bell, op. cit., p. 18.

3. See T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 19 (1644), see entry 1.

4. Ibid., p. 53 (1651).

5. The office of auditor was preceded by that of the committee to call.

year. The chief and assistant engineers of the fire department are appointed, for indefinite terms, by the selectmen. The Governor and Council appoint three police commissioners who, in turn, appoint the police superintendent (chief) and regular and special officers. The cemetery association annually elects one trustee for a five-year term, and a secretary and two auditors to serve one year. The voters of the school district, at their annual meeting, elect one member of the school board for a three-year term, and a moderator, treasurer, and clerk to serve one year. The Exeter school board, in conjunction with the other school boards of Supervisory Union No. 16, nominates the superintendent of schools who receives his appointment from the State Board of Education.

The chief recording officer of the town is the town clerk. Like the clerks of other New Hampshire towns, the Exeter town clerk keeps that set of records generally referred to as Town Minute Books. The main purpose of these records is to record the warrants and minutes of the town meetings. The warrants show, with other information, the list of articles to be voted upon, date of issue of the warrant, and names of signers--selectmen. The minutes record the votes taken at the annual town meetings on all town affairs, including the choice of officers and money appropriated. Other than minutes and warrants that have appeared in the Town Minute Books from time to time, there are included the articles of agreement in setting up the town's form of government (Exeter Combination), abatement of taxes, division of school districts, vital statistics including family records, reports of committees, perambulations of town lines, deeds, military records, highway records, warrants for and minutes of jury meetings, land records, animal mark and stray records, parish and church records, miscellaneous petitions, tax notices and sales, invoice records, and appointments, oaths, bonds, and elections of town officers. The town clerk is also custodian of the early records of the proprietors which include grants of lands made at various intervals.

It is the duty of New Hampshire town clerks to keep a complete record of vital statistics. In Exeter the town clerk complies fully with this requirement, having a complete record of births, marriages, and deaths from 1657 to date. The manner of keeping these vital statistics was changed in 1938 to conform with a new system devised by the State. Under this system certificates of births, marriages, and deaths are kept separately in loose-leaf volumes. In addition to the regular vital statistics, the clerk has a set of family records covering 1657-1857. As required by law, he keeps a record of blood test findings.

The clerk keeps a record of receipts and payments. He also keeps insurance policies, an enrollment book, and records of personal mortgages, conditional sales, and fires. He keeps motor vehicle registration permits, and licenses for dogs, bowling alleys, and pool rooms. His records include check-lists and writs of attachment. The Exeter clerk, in common with many other town clerks, is the custodian of the records of the dissolved school districts.

The administrative officials of the town--the selectmen--issue the annual Town Reports which, in addition to their own report, contain the reports of the tax collector, town clerk, treasurer, highway agent, chief engineer, superintendent of police, library committee, auditors, justice of the municipal court, committee on recommendations, trustees of the Swasey

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Parkway, trustees of trust funds, relief agent, and the trustees of the Robinson Female Seminary. These reports, printed annually, contain such items as a list of town officers, a copy of the town warrant, and the town budget.

The selectmen keep a record of payments. The duties of the selectmen as assessors are represented by invoice records and blotter books. Among other records kept by the selectmen are minutes of their meetings, fire department payrolls, poll tax records, liquor and tavern licenses, milk licenses, firearm permits, lists of jurors, the police census, and miscellaneous records.

The principal record of the tax collector is the "New Hampshire Collector's Tax Book." In addition he keeps separate records of property and poll taxes, tax sales, and orders to abate taxes.

The town's chief financial officer is the treasurer whose records include accounts of receipts and payments, bonds and notes, vouchers, bills, town orders, canceled checks, and bank statements. Other financial offices in Exeter are trustees of trust funds and cemetery trustees. The trustees of trust funds keep one financial record. The cemetery records consist of trustees' and association minutes and financial records.

Of the election officers--moderator, supervisors of the check-list, and election inspectors--only the supervisors keep records. The latter keep check-lists beginning in 1916, and a record of naturalization as early as 1855.

The town of Exeter constitutes a school district which belongs to Supervisory Union No. 16. Minutes of meetings are kept by the school district and its executive body--the school board. Financial records are also kept, such as a general fund-loan fund record, treasurer's cash book, vouchers, canceled checks, and bank statements. Annual school reports are kept. High school records include scholastic records and correspondence.

The principal of the Robinson Female Seminary keeps records of trustees' meetings, also scholastic and financial records.

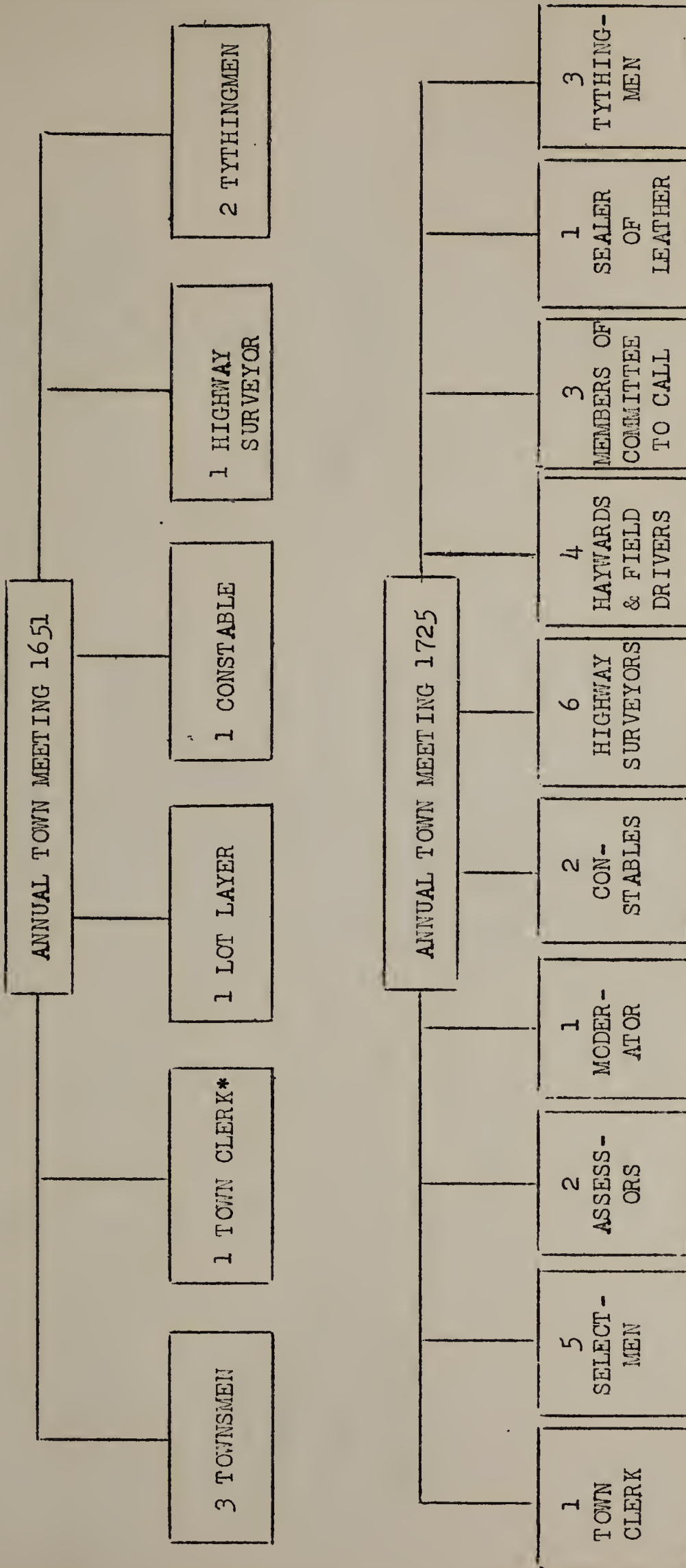
The superintendent of schools keeps at his office in Exeter--the headquarters of Supervisory Union No. 16--school registers, pupils' records, birth and health certificates, school censuses, tests, orders for school supplies, and miscellaneous papers.

Of the library records there are only two: one for the present library committee and one for the defunct Exeter Library Company. The record of the library committee includes minutes of meetings and by-laws. The Exeter Library Company record includes articles of association and committee reports.

The overseer of the poor keeps relief applications, orders for relief, and a record of relief granted. The highway agent keeps a record of street maintenance, and labor and purchase accounts. Police records consist of meetings of the police commissioners, record of arrests, fingerprint record cards, and a record of tramps. The municipal court of Exeter keeps a docket of cases coming before the court. The fire department has an engineers' record, fire records, an appointment book, and records of various fire companies.

The auditors; health officer; forest fire warden; surveyors of wood, lumber, and bark; and fence viewers keep no records.

CHARTS OF EXETER TOWN OFFICERS 1651, 1725



LEGEND

Elective_____

* See page 16.

CHART OF EXETER TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1854

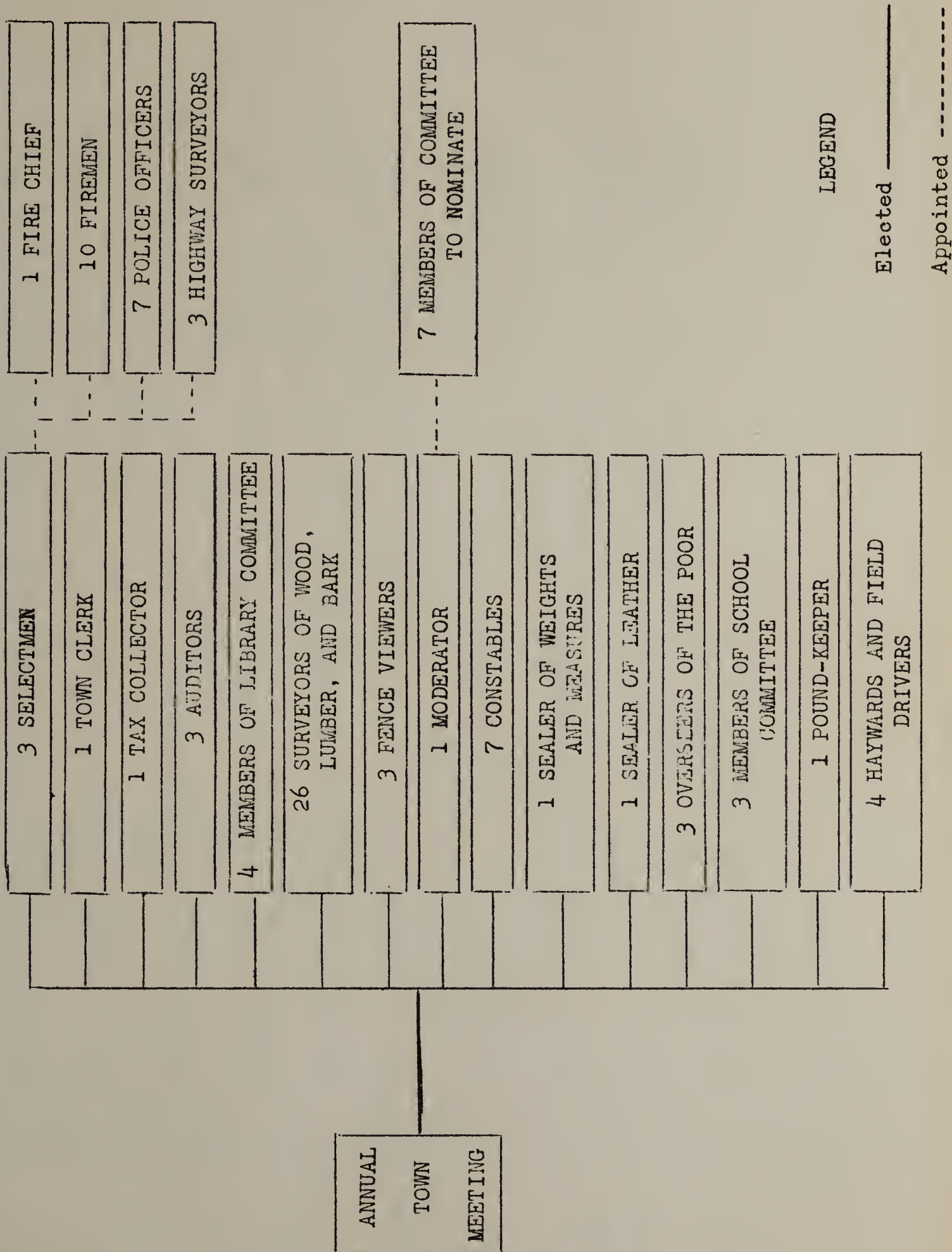


CHART OF PRESENT EXETER TOWN OFFICERS (Continued on pages 22, 23)

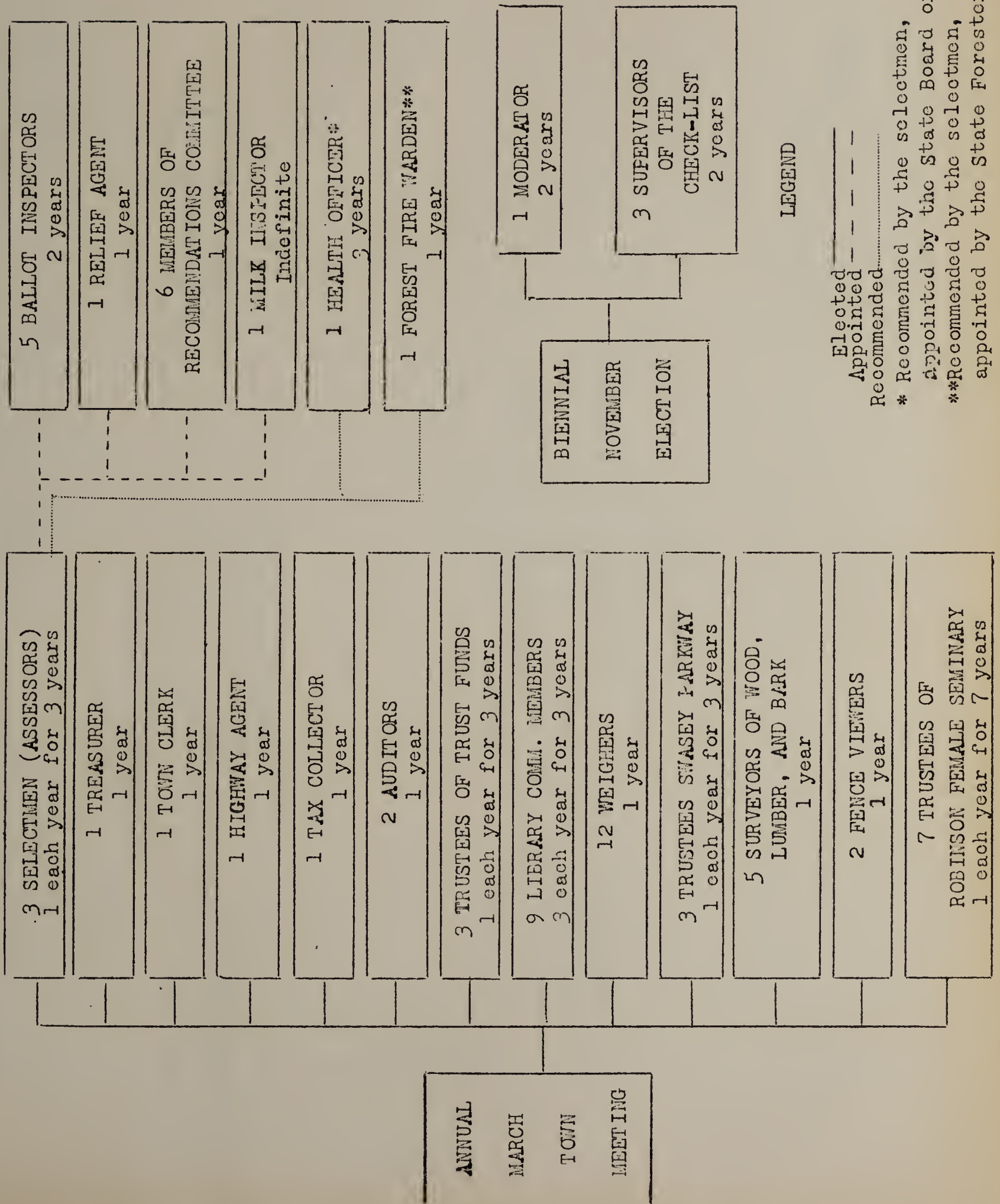
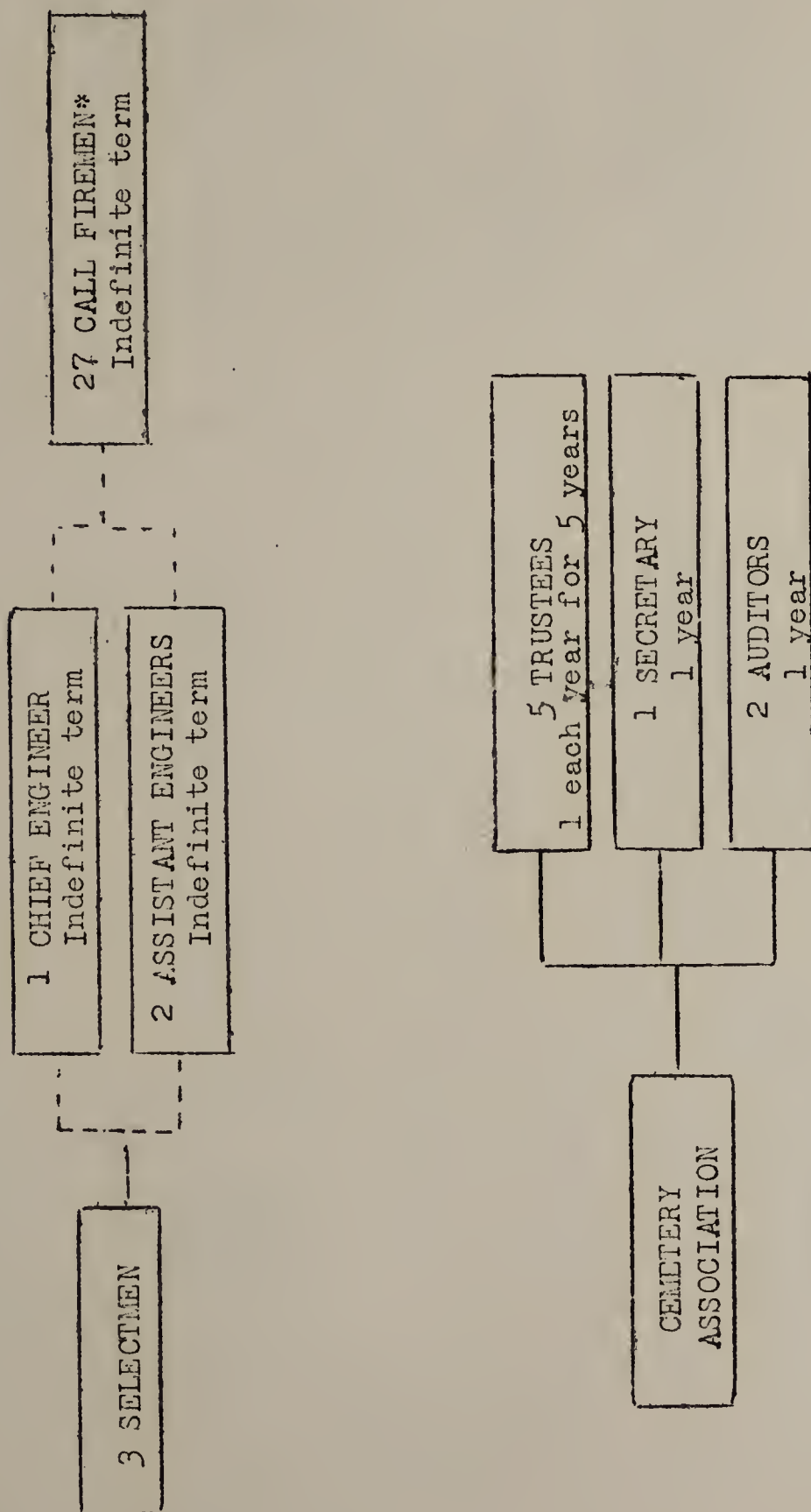


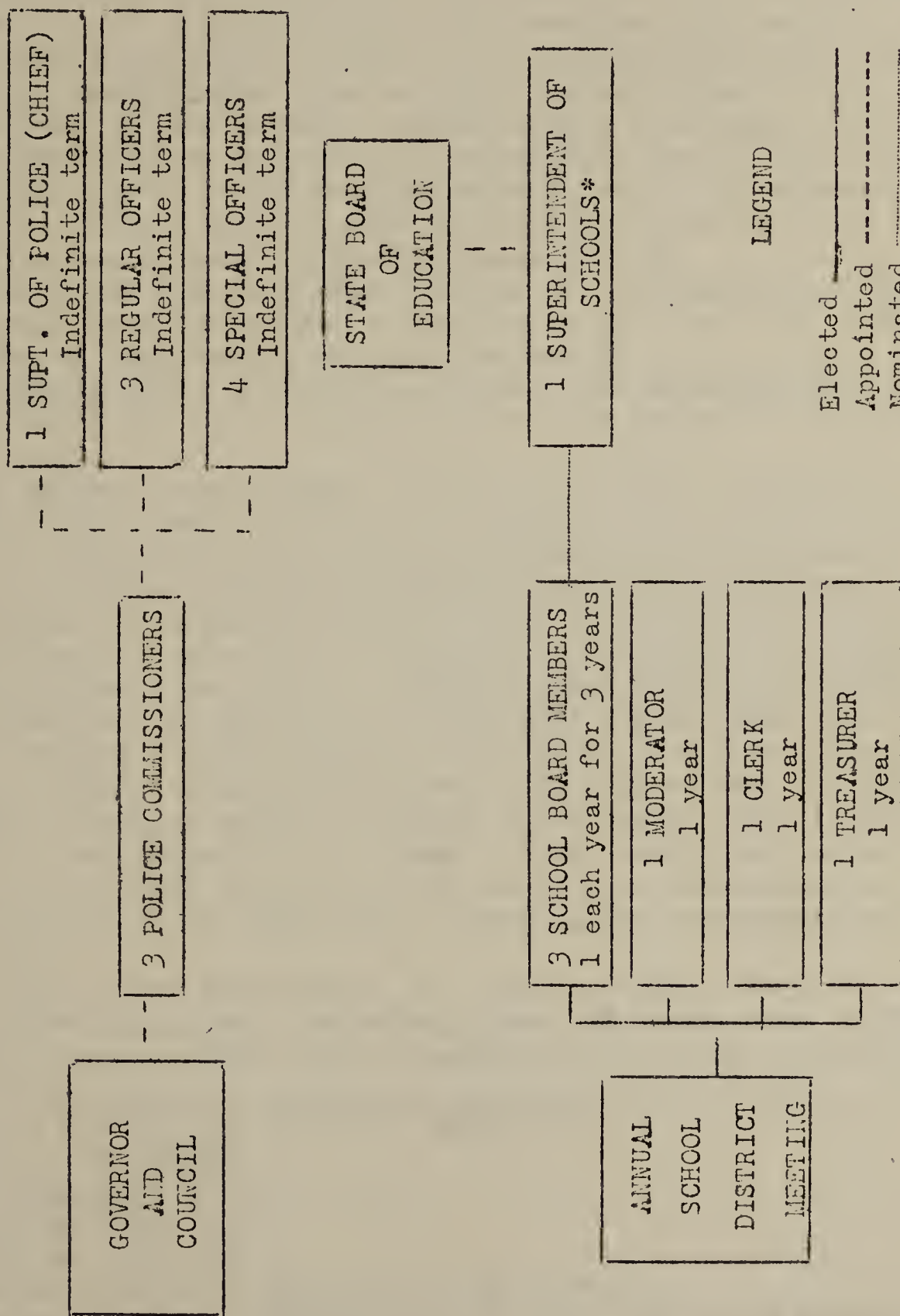
CHART OF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION AND FIRE DEPARTMENT



LEGEND

Elected _____
 Appointed -----
 *Elected by fire company, then
 appointed by engineers.

CHART OF PRESENT SCHOOL OFFICERS AND POLICE



LEGEND

Elected

Appointed

Nominated

* Nominated by school boards of Supervisory Union No. 16; appointed by State Board of Education.

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

In Exeter as well as in other New Hampshire towns, early meeting-houses were erected for the combined purpose of affording a place of worship and for conducting the civil affairs of the town.

In 1641 the inhabitants of Exeter agreed to build a meeting-house the following spring.¹ Eleven years later it was "ordered that a meeting-house shall * * * be built and that every man both servants as well as others shall com forth to work upon it as they are called out * * *²

The Town Minute Books throw no light on what became of the 1641 meeting-house. It was probably torn down many years ago. As to its location, the town history suggests the probability that it was situated a little northwesterly of the meeting-house voted in the sixteen-fifties; the latter structure being located on the hill beside the salt (Squamscot) river, which became known as Meeting-house Hill.³

In 1696 a third meeting-house was built. A committee to see about its construction was appointed in January of that year and in the following December a town meeting was held therein.⁴

The town decided in 1705 to sell the "old meeting-house."⁵ The structure referred to was probably the meeting-house of the sixteen-fifties.

Still another meeting-house was voted in 1728. It was to be set "on Som part of that land [on] which our present meeting hous now Standeth * * *."⁶ The meeting-house voted in 1728 was not completed until 1731.⁷ It was built beside the previous meeting-house which the town, in September of 1731, voted to take down in order that the materials might be used in building a courthouse. The plan of building a courthouse was abandoned at that time, and the materials procured from taking down the meeting-house were actually used in building a town house across the street.⁸ There is no evidence that this latter structure is standing at the present time. In 1841, \$3,500 was appropriated for building another town house; it was to contain suitable courtrooms.⁹ This building did not satisfy town needs for very long. It was criticized on the basis of location and size.¹⁰ In 1853 the selectmen were authorized to borrow \$10,000 to build a new town hall.¹¹ This amount was doubled the following year.¹²

The corner stone was laid in the summer of 1855. Forty-five articles were deposited thereunder, including a plan of Exeter made in 1845, a list of Exeter voters for 1855, and an engraved silver plate containing the

1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 9 (1641), see entry 1.

2. Ibid., p. 59 (1652).

3. Bell, op. cit., pp. 160, 161.

4. Ibid., pp. 172, 173.

5. Ibid., pp. 175, 176.

6. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 206 (1728), see entry 1.

7. Charles A. Hazlett, History of Rockingham County New Hampshire, (Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 1915), p. 385.

8. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 221 (1731), see entry 1; Bell, op. cit., p. 182.

9. T. M. B., vol. 7, p. 23 (1841), see entry 1.

10. Bell, op. cit., p. 109.

11. T. M. B., vol. 7, pp. not numbered (1853), see entry 1.

12. Ibid., vol. 8, p. 12 (1854).

names of the building committee, the superintendent of the work, the architects, and others. Addresses were delivered by Professor J. G. Hoyt, the historian Bell, and William W. Stickney, later judge of probate.¹

This 1855 building is the present town hall. The 1841 town house was moved in 1855 to its present location on Court Street. From the time of its construction until the building of the 1855 town hall it was used jointly by the town and county as a place in which town meetings and court sessions were held. When the new town hall was built the court moved to the upper story of that structure where it remained until 1893. From 1854-93 the library was housed in the 1841 structure which is now the Central Fire Station.

The present town hall, a brick building, 85' x 38' x 55', with entrances on Front and Water Streets, contains an office occupied by the town clerk and tax collector, the office of the selectmen, the police station, and the office of the superintendent of schools.

The office shared by the town clerk and tax collector is on the first floor. Its dimensions are 16' x 14' x 15'; it contains a safe, 5' x 3½' x 6', and a steel filing cabinet, 4' x 3' x 5'. Here are located most of the records of the town clerk and the tax collector. The remainder of the town clerk's records are in the office of the selectmen, the office of the superintendent of schools, and the Secretary of State's vault, Concord. The remainder of the tax collector's records are in the custody of Mrs. L. S. Swain, widow of the former tax collector.

The selectmen's office, the police station, and the office of the superintendent of schools are in the basement. The selectmen's office, 28' x 19' x 9', contains a vault, 9' x 6' x 8', in which the majority of the selectmen's records are to be found. The remainder are located in the joint office of the town clerk and tax collector and at the State Library, Concord.

The police station, 20' x 9' x 9', has a cement floor and ceiling; the walls are of brick. All police records are kept here, except the minutes of the commissioners' meetings which are at the residence of Commissioner Goodwin.

The office of the superintendent of schools contains a vault, 8' x 6' x 8', in which there are six rows of steel shelving. All of the Supervisory Union records are kept here, as well as most of the school district records. The remainder of the district records are kept in the headmaster's office at the high school, Linden Street, and the store of Fred A. Moore, district treasurer.

Records of the Robinson Female Seminary are divided between the office of Judge Ernest G. Templeton and the office of the principal, James A. Pirnie.

The Central Fire Station (once the town hall) is a two-story wooden structure, 65' x 38' x 40', located on Court Street. Records are kept in a desk drawer in the apparatus room, first floor. This room, 48' x 36' x 12', has a cement floor, wood and plaster walls, and a steel ceiling. Fire records that are not at the Central Fire Station are kept at the Higgins Ice Cream Company and the homes of officials.

Records of the treasurer are kept in the selectmen's vault; those of the trustees of trust funds, at the drug store of William H. Seward; those of the library committee, at the library; and those of the municipal court,

1. Exeter News Letter, July 2, 1855.

at the office of Judge Templeton.

Relief records are divided between the selectmen's office and the residence of Harold T. French; relief agent. Cemetery records are found at the Exeter Banking Company and in the homes of cemetery officials.

Records of the supervisors of the check-list and the highway agent are kept in the private homes of those officials.

Recommendations. In order to furnish a maximum of fireproof protection for its records, it would be advisable for the town of Exeter to build a vault in addition to the one now located in the selectmen's office. All records of the town not needed for current consultation could then be distributed between the two vaults. One set of records that might well be involved in such a transfer is that pertaining to the fire department. These records are now scattered in various locations, and department officials are considering their transfer to the fire station, but a town vault would be even a better location. Such a transfer might be made of the tax records now in the possession of Mrs. L. S. Swain, widow of the former collector.

The Town Minute Books, in the earlier years, contain such a variety of information of historical interest that the indexing of these books would be a worth while undertaking. The vital statistics are now only partially indexed. A complete index is recommended.

4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations

alph.	. . . . .	alphabetically
approx.	. . . . .	approximately
arr.	. . . . .	arranged
bdl(s).	. . . . .	bundle(s)
ch(s).	. . . . .	chapter(s)
chron.	. . . . .	chronologically
<u>et passim</u>	. . . . .	and here and there
f.b.	. . . . .	file box(es)
f.d.	. . . . .	file drawer(s)
hdw.	. . . . .	handwritten (in ink)
<u>ibid.</u>	. . . . .	<u>ibidem</u> (in the same place)
<u>id.</u>	. . . . .	<u>idem</u> (the same; the same as above)
Mass.	. . . . .	Massachusetts
MS(S).	. . . . .	Manuscript(s)
N.H.H.S.	. . . . .	New Hampshire Historical Society
no.	. . . . .	number
n.p.n.d.	. . . . .	no place, no page, no date
numer.	. . . . .	numerically
off.	. . . . .	office
<u>op. cit.</u>	. . . . .	<u>opere citato</u> (in the work cited)

Abbreviations, Symbols, and
Explanatory Notes

(First entry, p. 29)

<u>passim</u>	. . . . .	here and there
p(p).	. . . . .	page(s)
ptd.	. . . . .	printed
res.	. . . . .	residence
rm.	. . . . .	room
sec(s).	. . . . .	section(s)
sel.	. . . . .	selectmen
[sic]	. . . . .	as found
supt.	. . . . .	superintendent
t.c.	. . . . .	town clerk
t. coll.	. . . . .	tax collector
T.M.B.	. . . . .	Records Exeter, N. H. [Town Minute Books], entry 1
treas.	. . . . .	treasurer
v.	. . . . .	vault
vol(s).	. . . . .	volume(s)

Symbols

--.	. . . . .	to date
x	. . . . .	by (in dimension items)
'	. . . . .	feet (following numerals)
:	. . . . .	equivalent to (in maps)

Explanatory Notes

Titles: Exact titles of records are written in solid caps without brackets, as in entry 2. In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are written in solid caps and enclosed in brackets, as in entry 13. If a record title is not descriptive of the contents of the record, an assigned explanatory title, written in initial caps and enclosed in brackets, has been added, as in entry 1. Titles of artificial entries (those procured from another entry) are written in solid caps and enclosed in brackets, as in entry 41. In the master entry (the entry from whose description the artificial entry is taken) the titles in the description are written in initial caps and enclosed in brackets, as in entry 29-d, "[Constables' - Tax Collectors' Warrants], entry 41." Titles of regular entries used as references in the description of other entries are written in initial caps with or without brackets, as the case may be, as in entry 5-b, "Record of Births, 1658-1932, entry 10."

Dates: First and last dates covered by a particular record are shown in the title-line of the entry. Continuous records are shown by a hyphen between the beginning and closing dates, as 1636-1821. Lapses in the records are indicated by a comma between the groups of inclusive dates, as 1848-92, 1927-28. Current dates are indicated by two hyphens, thus, 1636--. Sub-entries having no dates are assumed to cover the dates shown in the title-line, as in entry 16-a.

Labeling: Figures or letters in parentheses, following the number of volumes or file boxes, indicate the labeling of a record.

Cross References: Title-line cross references are used to complete series of records kept separately for a period of time and in other records for different periods of time, as in entry 7, "1816-47 in Record of Marriages, Births, Deaths, entry 5-e." They are also used in all artificial entries --entries for records which must be shown separately under their proper office or section heading, even though they are kept in files or records appearing elsewhere in the Inventory, as in entry 41, "1721-91 in [Record of Payments], entry 31-a." In both instances, the description of the master entry or the entry covering a record of miscellaneous content shows the title and entry number from which the cross reference is made, as in entry 5-c, "Record of Intention of Marriages, 1816-47, entry 7"; and in 16-b, "[Conditional Sales], 1832-1925, entry 17." Dates shown in the description of the master entry are only for the part or parts of the records contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from those of the master entry.

Separate third-paragraph cross references from entry to entry are used to show prior, subsequent, or related records which are not parts of the same series.

Indexes: Indexes are self-contained unless otherwise indicated.

Condition: Unless otherwise specified, it is to be assumed that the record is in good condition.

Size: When a series consists of more than one volume, it is understood that the pagination of the majority of the volumes, or that of the current volume, is given. The same rule applies to measurements of file boxes, file drawers, etc. Measurements are always given in inches, unless otherwise indicated, and therefore the symbol ("") has been omitted.

Location: Whenever the exact location of a record is not given at the end of the entry, the location can be determined by consulting the statement made at the conclusion of the office sketch.

The American Medical Association is a national organization of physicians and surgeons, organized for the purpose of promoting the science and art of medicine, and of improving the medical education of the people. It was organized in 1847, and has since that time been engaged in a constant effort to advance the interests of the medical profession, and to secure the highest quality of medical education and practice. The Association has a long and honorable history, and has been instrumental in the establishment of many of the most important medical institutions in the United States. It has also been successful in securing the recognition of the medical profession as a learned and honorable calling, and in securing the highest standards of medical education and practice. The Association is now engaged in a new and important work, and is confident that it will be successful in its efforts to advance the interests of the medical profession, and to secure the highest quality of medical education and practice.

B. TOWN OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

I. TOWN CLERK

When Exeter organized its government (1639), the elective and legislative functions were assigned to the assembled freemen.¹ This assembly of the entire body of the freemen was referred to as "the Court at Exeter."²

In 1642 John Legat was chosen by the "Court" to be its secretary and to keep its records. Since the "Court" was the predecessor of the town meeting, the secretary of the "Court" may be considered the predecessor of the town clerk. In fact, John Legat, the secretary of the "Court" in 1642, is listed in 1649 as town clerk.³

Exeter's historian states: "The general rule must have been that incumbents of offices held over until their successors were elected. This is especially the case with reference to the office of town clerk, which was never treated as an annual one before 1720."⁴

Indeed only four different individuals are listed as holding the office of town clerk during the period, 1649-1719; and doubt is expressed in regard to the actual incumbency of one of these.⁵ In 1720 Kinsley Hall became clerk of the town, and thereafter annual elections occurred regularly.⁶ Unless otherwise stated, records of the town clerk will be found in his office, town hall.

For annual reports of the town clerk, see entry 30.

Minutes and Reports

1. RECORDS EXETER, N. H. [Town Minute Books], 1636--.
13 vols. (dated, 8 vols., 1636-1740, 1839-1900,
1911--; dated and labeled 3-5, 3 vols., 1740-1828;
undated and unlabeled, 2 vols., 1829-39, 1900-11).
Title varies slightly.

Contains:

- a. Articles of agreement in setting up form of government, 1639, showing date, particulars, and names of signers--inhabitants.
- b. Warrants for town meetings, 1725--, showing names of State, county, and town; date, time, and place of meeting; articles to be voted upon; date of warrant; and names of signers--selectmen.
- c. Warrants, returns of posting, 1777--. Certificates of posting by constables or selectmen: date, places posted, names of signers --constable or selectmen--, and attest and signature of town clerk.
- d. Minutes of town meetings, 1638--, showing date, time, and place of meeting; votes taken; officers elected or appointed; money appropriated; articles discussed; and attest of town clerk.

Also contains:

- e. Abatements of poll and property taxes, 1742-1890. Poll abatements dates of assessment and abatement, name of taxpayer, reasons, and

1. Bell, op. cit., p. 18.

2. See Laws of New Hampshire, vol. 1, appendix B, pp. 738-744.

3. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 16 (1642), see entry 1. Bell, op. cit., p. 148.

4. Bell, op. cit., p. 147.

5. Ibid., p. 148.

6. Id.; T. M. B., 1720--, passim, see entry 1.

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- amount abated. Property abatements: date, description of property, reasons, name of owner, date assessed, and amount abated. For selectmen's records, 1820-- , see entry 29-a. For tax collector's abatements, 1924-- , see entries 46, 47.
- f. Accounts of labor and material, 1636. 2 accounts, 1 headed Roxburie [Roxbury, Mass.?], the other headed Dorchester [Mass.?] dates, material and sums involved, and persons concerned. Information difficult to interpret.
 - g. Animal mark records, 1707-1820, showing names of town and owner, description and place of mark, date recorded, and attest and signature of town clerk.
 - h. Appointments of town officers, 1801-11, 1829-- , showing names of State, town, appointee, and office to which appointed; dates of appointment and expiration; jurat; and names of signers--appointing officials. For selectmen's records of appointments, 1820-- , see entry 29-b.
 - i. Articles of incorporations, 1750-- . Last entry 1937. Name and object of corporation, place of business, amount of capital stock, number and par value of shares, names of signers--incorporators-- , attest of corporation clerk, and dates recorded and attested by town clerk.
 - j. Auction sales of attached property, 1877-1916, showing date; names of State, county, town, plaintiff, and owner; money received; name of buyer; expense of publishing notice and sale; jurat; and attest of town clerk.
 - k. Birth records, 1713-37, showing date, and names of child and parents. For related records, see entry 10.
 - m. Bonds of town officers, 1786-- , showing date; names of office, officer, and sureties; duration; conditions and liabilities; and names of signers--bondsmen. For original bonds filed, 1934-- , see entry 40-c.
 - n. Bounties on wolves, 1742, showing date, name of killer, bounds within which wolf was killed, amount of bounty, and names of signers--selectmen.
 - o. Church bell purchase, 1762, showing date, amount of money raised, weight of bell, and from whom purchased.
 - p. Committees, appointments and reports of, 1854-- , showing names of committeemen, appointers, and town; date; purpose; duties; and findings.
 - q. Corporation returns, 1890-97, showing name, date of incorporation, amount of capital stock, number and par value of shares, amount due to and from corporation, names and residences of stockholders, number of shares owned by each, and attest of corporation clerk.
 - r. Damage awards, highway, 1775-- . Last entry 1934. Date, name of owner, location of land taken, and amount awarded.
 - s. Death records, 1719, 1846-49, showing names of parents; and name, age, and date of death of deceased. For related records, see entry 12.
 - t. Deeds, 1725-1907, showing date, place, names of grantor and grantee, conditions, consideration involved, jurat, and name of signer--grantor. For deeds after 1907 see forthcoming Rockingham County Inventory. For warranty deeds, 1930-31, 1935, see

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entry 40-r.

- u. Dog tax, 1880, showing date, name of town, and amount to be assessed. For dog licenses, 1892-93, 1919--, see entry 19.
- v. Elections, biennial, 1878--. Names of candidates, number of votes cast for each candidate and office, and total votes cast.
- w. Enrollment of militia, 1862, showing list of men in United States Naval and Military service: name and residence of enrollee, and bounty to volunteers. For related records, 1870-86, see entry 25.
- x. Family records, 1701-41, showing information as in entry 5-a. For photostatic copy of this record, see entry 2-a.
- y. Fence viewers' reports, 1819-90, showing date, names of town and parties concerned, conditions, bounds established, marks and directions, names of signers--fence viewers--, and attest of town clerk.
- z. Fire record, 1893, showing date, names of town and fire company, investigation made, and findings. For related records, 1889--, see entry 26.
- aa. Highway layouts, 1640--. Last entry 1933. Description of bounds, directions, location, acceptance, damages allowed, and names of abutting land owners. For selectmen's records of highway layouts, see entry 39-b.
- ab. Highway petitions, 1721--. Last entry 1934. Date, name of town, direction of proposed highway, metes and bounds, reasons, and names of signers--petitioners. For original petitions, 1938--, see entry 40-e.
- ac. Indenture of child, 1893, showing date; names of State, county, town, and parties concerned; conditions; name of attorney; and attest of town clerk.
- ad. Invoice records, 1803-38, showing numbers of polls, acres, oxen, horses, and cows; value of mills, chaises, and real estate; amount and total; doomage; and State, county, town, and highway taxes. For selectmen's records, 1812--, see entry 33. For selectmen's blotter books, 1778-87, 1890--, see entry 32. For photostatic copies, 1762-1818, see entry 2-b.
- ae. Jury meeting warrants, 1648-78, 1758--. Date, time, and place of meeting; numbers of grand and petit jurors to be drawn; date, time, and place of court; date of warrant; name of person issuing warrant; certification of posting; and name of signer--town clerk. For list of jurors, 1868--, see entry 38. For duplicate list of jurors, 1840-42, see entry 39-d.
- af. Jury meetings, 1648-78, 1758--, showing date, time, and place of meeting; certificate of town clerk that jurors have been drawn; names of grand and petit jurors drawn; date, place, and name of court; statement that jurors have been notified; and attest and signature of town clerk. For list of jurors, 1868--, see entry 38. For duplicate list of jurors, 1840-42, see entry 39-d.
- ag. Land division, 1681, showing date, names of owner and town, by whom measured, number of acres, marks and bounds, and manner owners obtained land. For related records, see entries 3, 4.
- ah. Land grants, 1638-1747, showing date and place of grant, number of acres, names of grant committeemen, description, and names of signers--selectmen. For related records, see entries 3, 4.

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- ai. Land sales, 1724-1861, showing date, measures, marks, names of contracting parties, location, names of signers--selectmen--, and attest of town clerk. For related records, see entries 3, 4.
- aj. Licenses, liquor, 1837-56, showing date, name of town, name and address of applicant, duration, names of signers--selectmen--, and attest of town clerk. For prior records, 1792-1834, see entry 35-a. For photostatic copies, 1792-1821, see entry 2-c.
- ak. Licenses, pool, 1936, showing date license issued, name and address of licensee, location of poolroom, names of State and town, number of tables, term, and attest of town clerk. For pool license stubs, 1875-1936, see entry 20.
- am. Licenses, tavern, 1658-1837, showing date, name of town, duration, name and address of licensee, names of signers--selectmen--, and attest of town clerk. For selectmen's records of tavern licenses, 1792-1834, see entry 35-b.
- an. Lien sales, 1877--. Last entry 1931. Kind and description of property, date and place of sale, reasons, amount, and names of parties concerned.
- ao. Lot layers' reports, 1735, 1763, showing date, name of town, location, number of acres, names of abutting land owners, marks and bounds, and names of signers--lot layers.
- ap. Marriage records, 1713-33, showing date, names and addresses of bride and groom, and name of person performing ceremony. For related records, see entry 8.
- aq. Oaths of elected and appointed town officers, 1724--, showing date, place, names of office and officer, place sworn, name of appointer, jurat, and attest of town clerk.
- ar. Parish memberships, 1757-1819, showing date; names of town, parish, and person joining; and attest of parish or town clerk.
- as. Parish meetings, 1762-70, showing date and place of meeting, name of town, and matters discussed.
- at. Parish, petition for new, 1742, showing date, location, size, boundaries, reasons, and names of signers--petitioners.
- au. Perambulations of town lines, 1651--, showing date, names of towns concerned, metes and bounds, marks, names of signers--selectmen of towns concerned--, and attest of town clerk. For selectmen's records of perambulations, 1793-1808, 1829-50, see entries 29-f, 39-e.
- av. Petitions, miscellaneous, 1741-90, showing date, names of town and State, reasons, and names of signers--petitioners. For related records, 1820--, see entry 29-g.
- aw. Pews, auction sales of, 1725-1808, showing date and place of sale, number and location, amount of bid, conditions, names of purchaser and vendor, and attest of town clerk.
- ax. Pole petitions, 1897--. Last entry 1936. Petitions to town by private companies to erect poles: date, names of State and town, proposed location, purpose, names of signers--company officials--, and attest of town clerk.
- ay. Pole permits, 1897--. Last entry 1936. Permits issued to private companies to erect poles: date, place, name of company, number of poles, names of signers--selectmen--, and attest of town clerk.
- az. Receipts and payments, 1833-34, 1936. Receipts: date, from whom, amount, and total. Payments: date, to whom, purpose, amount,

- and total. For subsequent records, 1936--, see entry 14.
- ba. School districts, divisions of, 1807-81, showing date, names of town and State, location, bounds, marks, and names of signers—selectmen.
 - bb. School regulations for admission, 1869-70, showing age limit, length of residence in district, and class qualified to enter.
 - bc. Stabilization of values in respective towns, 1777-86, showing date, names of towns, and prices established.
 - bd. Stockholders, lists of, 1851-1928, showing date; names of town, State, and corporation; names and addresses of stockholders; jurat; name of signer—corporation clerk—; and attest of town clerk.
 - be. Stray records, 1724-1898, showing date, place stray found, description, name of finder, conditions for recovery, dates received and filed, and attest of town clerk. For related records, 1807, see entry 35-c.
 - bf. Tax sale notices, 1817-1935. Discontinued. Date and place of sale, year of levy, names of owner and occupant, description, and amounts of tax and costs.
 - bg. Tax sales, 1817-1935, showing information as in entry 45. For selectmen's original tax sales, 1936--, see entry 40-p.
 - bh. Town hall alterations and repairs, 1735--, showing date, votes taken, and amount voted.
 - bi. Town pound, construction of new, 1747, 1782, showing date, location, amount voted, and disposition of old pound.
- Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 15 x 9½ x 1¼.
For photostatic copies of town records, 1636-1761, see entry 2-e.

2. STATE'S COPY OF RECORDS OF EXETER, 1636-1821.
2 vols.

Contains photostatic copies of:

- a. Family records, 1701-41, showing information as in entry 5-a.
For record from which photostated, see entry 1-x.
 - b. Invoice records, 1762-1818, showing information as in entry 33.
For records, 1803-38, see entry 1-ad. For selectmen's blotter books, 1778-87, 1890--, see entry 32.
 - c. Liquor licenses, 1792-1821, showing information as in entry 1-a-j.
For record from which photostated, see entry 35-a.
 - d. Proprietors' records, 1724-45, showing information as in entry 3.
 - e. Town records, 1636-1761, showing information as in entry 1.
- Arr. chron. No index. Photostats. 650 pp. 14½ x 9½ x 2½. Secretary of State's v., Concord.

3. THE PROPRIETORS RECORDS, 1724-45. 1 vol.
Isolated record.

Common lands granted to townspeople by proprietors: number of acres, names of townspeople, locations of lots, dates of land divisions, claims and disputes adjusted, ranges and bounds; and new proportion of common lands, 1732, showing range number, and number of acres given to townspeople. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 80 pp. 12 x 7½ x ½. Off. sel.

For photostatic copy of this record, 1724-45, see entry 2-d; for related records of land divisions, grants, and sales, see entries 1-ag, ah, ai.

4. REPORT OF COMMITTEE [on Land Grants], 1725, 1738, 1740.
1 vol. Isolated record.

Results of search of town records in 1738 regarding lands granted in 1725, showing name of grantor, bounds, number of acres, and number of acres granted at that time in addition to former grants. Report of 1740, showing amounts of land given to townspeople since certain grants which were made in 1738. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 37 pp. 12 x 8 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

For related records of land divisions, grants, and sales, see entries 1-ag, ah, ai.

Vital Statistics

5. RECORD OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS, 1657-1932.
15 vols. Title varies slightly.

Contains:

- a. Family records, 1657-1857, showing names of bride, groom, and parents; date of marriage; name of child; date of birth; and date of death occasionally given. For related records and their photostatic copies, 1701-41, see entries 1-x, 2-a.
- b. Record of Births, 1658-1932, entry 10.
- c. Record of Intention of Marriages, 1816-47, entry 7.
- d. Marriages, entry 8.
- e. Record of Deaths, 1666-1842, 1850-1932, entry 12.
- f. Bill of Mortality, 1843-50, showing date of death, and name and age of deceased.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. 13 vols., 1657-1869, 1883-1932, indexed alph. by name of groom, child, or deceased; 2 vols., 1867-83, no index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms and headings, 200 pp. 18 x 11 x $\frac{3}{4}$.

6. TOWN OF EXETER, N. H. [Certificates of Intentions of Marriage and] MARRIAGES, 1938--. 1 loose-leaf vol. System began 1938.

Intentions of marriage: names, addresses, ages, color, marital status, occupations, and birthplaces of prospective bride and groom; names, addresses, living or deceased, ages, color, occupations, and birthplaces of parents; date; signatures of attending parties; date intention entered and recorded; dates of physician's statements and record of blood test received by town clerk; date certificate issued; and signature of town clerk. Marriage certificates: date and place of marriage, names and addresses of bride and groom, residence of person performing marriage, names of town and State, signatures of witnesses, date filed, register number, and attest of town clerk. Also contains:

Blood test findings, 1939--, showing statement by State Laboratory of Hygiene that blood test has been made: names of applicant and physician, date, results, and signature of State official.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of groom. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 250 pp. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

For related prior record of intentions of marriage, see entry 7; for related prior record of marriages, see entry 8.

7. RECORD OF INTENTION OF MARRIAGES, 1848-92,
1927-38. 7 vols. Title varies slightly.
Discontinued. 1816-47 in Record of Marriages,
Births, Deaths, entry 5-c.

1816-68, shows date; names, color, ages, and residences of intending parties. 1869-1926, adds maiden name of prospective bride; and marital status, birthplaces, and occupations of intending parties. 1927-- , adds names, color, occupations, birthplaces, residence, and ages of parents of intending parties; date intention recorded; names of town and State; and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. 200 pp. $10\frac{3}{4}$ x 8 x $\frac{3}{4}$.

For related certificates of intentions of marriage, 1938-- , see entry 6.

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8. MARRIAGES, 1930-37. 2 vols. Discontinued.
1657-1932 in Record of Marriages, Births,
Deaths, entry 5-d.

1657-68, shows names, ages, residences, places of birth, and color of bride and groom; date; name of marrying official; and attest of town clerk. 1869-92, adds names of town, county, and State; place of marriage; occupations and marital status of bride and groom; names, birthplaces, and occupations of parents; and residence and official station of person performing marriage. 1893-1937, adds color and ages of parents, and date intention filed. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of groom. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 200 pp. 17 x 11 x $\frac{3}{4}$.

For related records, 1713-33, see entry 1-ap; for related certificates of marriage, 1938-- , see entry 6.

9. [Certificates of] BIRTHS, EXETER, N. H.,
1938-- . 2 loose-leaf vols. Title varies
slightly. System began 1938.

Register number; date and place of birth; name, sex, and color of child; plural births, premature, or full term; names, residence, color, ages, birthplaces, and occupations of parents; and number of children born of mother, born alive and now living, born alive and now dead, and stillborn. Certificate of attending physician or midwife: date, and signature and address of physician or other person certifying this record. Date filed, name of town clerk, date given name added from supplemental report, and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of child. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 250 pp. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 x $1\frac{3}{4}$.

For prior related records, see entry 10; for copies of birth certificates, 1911-- , see entry 79-b.

10. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1932-37. 1 vol. Discontinued.
1658-1932 in Record of Marriages, Births, Deaths,
entry 5-b.

Record 1658-68, shows date; sex, name, and color of child; and names and residence of parents. 1869-92, adds place of birth, condition, living or stillborn, occupations and birthplaces of parents, and names of State, county, and town. 1893-1937, adds color and age of parents, mother's maiden name, name and address of physician or other person reporting birth, and attest of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed

alph. by name of child. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 185 pp. 17 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$.

For related records, 1713-37, see entry 1-k; for birth certificates, 1938--, see entry 9; for copies of birth certificates, 1911--, see entry 79-b.

11. [Certificates of] DEATHS, EXETER, N. H., 1938--.

2 loose-leaf vols. System began 1938.

Register number; names of county, town, and street; name of village or institution where death occurred; length of residence where death occurred and in United States if foreign born; name, address, sex, color, marital status, date and place of birth, age, and occupation of deceased; names and birthplaces of parents, and mother's maiden name; signature and address of informant; date and place of burial, cremation, or removal; and signature and address of funeral director. Medico-legal certificate of death for use of medical referees: date of death, time of death as certified by medical referee, principal and contributory cause of death, duration of condition, place disease contracted or injury sustained, if premature (month of gestation), date of operation, organ or part affected, laboratory test, and assisting diagnosis. Autopsy: accident, suicide, or homicide; date, place, manner, and nature of injury; signature of medical referee; and name of county. Countersigned and burial or transit permit issued by town clerk, dates issued and filed, and date and attest of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of death. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 200 pp. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 x 1.

For prior related record of deaths, see entry 12.

12. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1929-37. 2 vols. Discontinued.

1666-1842, 1850-1932 in Record of Marriages, Births, Deaths, entry 5-e.

1666-68, showing date; name, age, occupation, and residence of deceased; names of parents; and cause of death. 1869-92, adds place of death, names of State and county, place of birth, marital status, and birthplaces and residence of parents. 1893-1902, adds place of burial, maiden name of mother, occupation of father, name and address of physician reporting death, and attest of town clerk. 1903-37, adds name of institution if death occurred there, how long an inmate, where from; duration of illness; contributing causes; date and place of interment; name of cemetery; and name and address of undertaker. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 150 pp. 17 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

For related records, 1719, 1846-49, see entry 1-s; for death certificates, 1938--, see entry 11.

13. [BURIAL PERMITS], 1937--. 4 stub books. Prior records destroyed periodically.

Transcripts of permits issued by town clerk upon receipt of certificate of death: name, address, age, date of death, and place and cause of death of deceased; date permit issued; name of undertaker; and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 25 pp. 5 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$.

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Receipts and Payments

14. TOWN CLERK'S RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS BOOK,
1936--. 1 vol. System began 1936.

Receipts: date, source (motor vehicle permits, dog licenses), and total.
Payments: clerk's fees for issuing permits and licenses; and amount paid
treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. head-
ings. 100 pp. 15½ x 11 x 1.

For prior and related records, 1833-34, 1936, see entry 1-az.

Mortgages, Conditional Sales, Writs

15. TOWN OF EXETER, N. H. PERSONAL MORTGAGES, 1935--.
4 vols. (35-38). Prior records missing.

Copies of personal mortgages, showing date; names and addresses of mort-
gagor and mortgagee; description of property involved; consideration;
conditions and limitations; names of signers—mortgagor, mortgagee, and
witnesses—; jurat; and attest of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of
transaction. Indexed alph. by name of grantee. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 240
pp. 16 x 10¼ x 3.

16. TOWN OF EXETER MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1832--.
13 vols. (1 vol. dated 1832; 12 vols.
numbered 3, 5-15). Prior records missing.
Title varies slightly.

Transcripts of personal mortgages, showing date; names of mortgagor and
mortgagee; description of property; consideration involved; names of
signers—mortgagor, mortgagee, and witnesses—; jurat; attest of town
clerk; and occasionally date of discharge.

Also contains:

- a. Bills of sale, showing names and residences of buyer and seller,
location and description of property, date and amount of sale,
certification of ownership and freedom from incumbrances, names
of witnesses, date received, and attest of town clerk.
- b. [Conditional Sales], 1832-1925, entry 17.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of grantee. Hdw.
500 pp. 16 x 10¾ x 1½.

17. [CONDITIONAL SALES], 1926--. 8 vols. (dated).
1832-1925 in Town of Exeter Mortgage Records,
entry 16-b.

Copies of conditional sales, showing date; names of buyer and seller; des-
cription and kind of property sold; identification number; amount paid on
delivery; schedule of payments; terms of contract; names of signers—buyer,
seller, and witnesses—; date received; and affidavit when agent acts for
seller, showing signature of agent, and jurat. Arr. chron. by date of
entry. Indexed alph. by name of purchaser. Hdw., and typed on ptd. forms.
250 pp. 16 x 10½ x 3. 4 vols., 1926-36, off. sel.; 4 vols., 1935--., off.

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Permits; Dissolved School
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18. INDEX OF WRITS OF ATTACHMENTS, 1879-1928.
1 vol. Prior and subsequent records not
kept.

Date and name of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, and time received and returnable. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 98 pp. 13 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Licenses, Permits

19. DOG LICENSE RECORD, 1892-93, 1919--. 4 vols.
Title varies slightly. Dog license law passed
1890.

Names of town and State; number and date of license; name and residence of owner or keeper; name, sex, and description of dog; amount; and date of expiration. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. headings. 200 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

For record of dog tax, 1880, see entry 1-u.

20. [POOLROOM AND BOWLING ALLEY LICENSES], 1875--.
1 stub book. Last entry 1936. Prior stubs
missing.

Stubs of permits issued for conducting poolrooms and bowling alleys: date; name and address of licensee; location of poolroom or bowling alley; names of town, county, and State; license fee; number of tables or alleys; term; and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 209 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{3}{4}$.

For recording of pool licenses, 1936, see entry 1-ak.

21. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERMITS, 1938--.
Approx. 1100 cards in 2 bdls. Prior permits
destroyed.

Copies of permits, showing number; date; names of town and State; name and address of owner; rate in mills; amount of fee; make, kind, color, year manufactured, maker's number, and list price of car; and signature of town clerk. Arr. numer. by permit no. and chron. thereunder by date of permit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 15 x 11 x 3.

Dissolved School Districts
(See also entries 61-84)

22. SCHOOL RECORD [Dissolved] DISTRICT #5 EXETER,
N. H., 1805-86. 6 vols. (unnumbered and undated,
2 vols., 1805-50, 1858-85; numbered 2, 1 vol.,
1807-66; dated, 3 vols., 1851-86). Prior re-
cords missing. Districts dissolved 1886. Title
varies slightly.

Warrants and minutes of dissolved school districts. Warrants: date, time, and place of meeting; officers to be chosen; articles to be voted upon; date and place of posting; and names of signers--selectmen. Minutes of meetings: date and place of meeting, name of town, officers appointed

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or elected, oaths of office administered, articles discussed, votes taken, and signature of school district clerk. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 3 vols., 1805-85, 100 pp. 13 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 vols., 1858-86, 100 pp. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Off. supt. of schools.

For related records of appointments and oaths of office, see entry 23-a, o.

23. RECORD OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
IN EXETER, 1831-47. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings: date and place of meeting, number present, business discussed, votes taken, and signature of clerk of committee.

Also contains:

- a. Appointments of school officers, 1831-34, 1847, showing date, names of town and appointee, office to which appointed, duration of appointment, and signature of appointing official. For related records, 1805-86, see entry 22.
- b. Examination of teachers, 1831-33, 1844, showing date, name of teacher, result, and signature of secretary of school committee.
- c. Oath of office, 1834, showing date; names of office, appointee, county, and town; and jurat. For related records, 1805-86, see entry 22.
- d. Reports of teachers, 1831-32, 1842, 1844, 1846, showing name of teacher, number and ages of pupils, subjects taught, name of school, and progress of each pupil.
- e. Visits of school committee, 1831-44, showing date, number and time of visit, names of school and teacher, and signature of secretary of school committee.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 13 x 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Off. supt. of schools.

24. ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES, 1855-66. 1 vol. (1).
Isolated record.

Name and age of pupil; names, residence, and occupations of parents; number of grade when admitted and discharged; and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 150 pp. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x $\frac{3}{4}$. Off. supt. of schools.

Military

25. [MILITIA ENROLLMENT BOOK], 1870-86. 1 vol.
Isolated record.

Enrollment of men in Exeter between the ages of eighteen and forty-five liable for military duty: date, number, name, age, occupation, and marital status. Arr. chron. by year of listing and alph. thereunder by name of enrollee. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 175 pp. 14 x 9 x 1.

For related record, 1862, see entry 1-w.

Miscellaneous

26. CLERK'S OFFICE, RECORD OF FIRES, 1889--.
4 vols. Prior records not kept.

Date; wood, brick, or stone building; occupied as dwelling, store, or manufactory; names of owner and occupant; damage, value, and insurance on

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building and contents; total or partial loss; cause of fire; and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of fire. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 50 pp. $11\frac{3}{4} \times 9\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$.

For related records, see entries 1-2, 98, 99; for record of fires of separate fire companies, see entries 101-106.

27. ALPHABETICAL LIST OF VOTERS IN EXETER, 1932--.

18 check-lists in 9 rolls.

List of legal voters in Exeter, showing information as in entry 59. No obvious arr. No index. Ptd. with hdw. additions. 24×20 .

For list of those eligible to vote in school affairs, 1933--, see entry 84-a.

28. INSURANCE [Policies], 1902-1907. 1 vol.

Isolated record.

Record of fire insurance policies on town property, showing name and location of property, amounts of insurance and premium, names of company and agent, and dates of issue and expiration. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. $145 \text{ pp. } 8 \times 6\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$.

For original insurance policies, 1939--, see entry 40-f.

II. SELECTMEN (TOWNSMEN; RULER AND ELDERS)

Prior to its union with Massachusetts, Exeter vested the executive function in a board of three magistrates (elders) elected by the freemen. The chief magistrate was honored with the title of ruler. This man and his assistants corresponded somewhat to present day selectmen. Their authority was much broader in that they exercised both the judicial and the executive functions; and their chief, the ruler, could disallow the legislative enactments of the assembled freemen.¹

Soon after Exeter was taken within the government of Massachusetts, the board of magistrates was replaced by the townsmen--an office even more like that of selectmen. The first townsmen were Richard Bulgar, Samuel Greenfield, and Christopher Lawson.² At a town meeting in 1644,

It was agreed * * * that the townsmen * * * make all town Rates to destrain for all town debts to pay the towns debts out of the towns treasurey or to make rates for it to look to the execution of all town orders to grant and lay out lotts provided they be not above 20 akers to recone in to the towne as in habitants or to kepe out such as they in there wisdom shall think mete.³

The office is definitely referred to in 1652 as selectmen. These officers were to "have power and authority to act and manage whatsoever

1. See Bell, op. cit., p. 18.

2. Ibid., pp. 46, 47.

3. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 19 (1644); see entry 1.

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and Elders) - Minutes; Printed
Reports

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they in there discretion shall judge to be most commodius [?] for the good of the town except giving out of land from which only they are restrained * * *.¹

From 1652 through 1705, the name selectmen was used in some years and townsmen in other years.² Since the latter date, these officers have always been elected as selectmen.³ According to the Town Minute Books, the number of selectmen elected, 1706-19, was three or five depending on the particular year.⁴ Five were elected annually, 1720-1816.⁵ After that, three selectmen were elected for annual terms through 1920.⁶ In 1921 the legislature enacted provisions requiring the election, that year, in all towns of three selectmen to serve one, two, and three years respectively, and thereafter the election of one selectman for a three-year term.⁷

Unless otherwise stated, records of the selectmen are found in their office.

Minutes

29. [Selectmen's Records] TOWN OF EXETER, 1820--.
2 vols. Prior records missing. Title varies slightly.

Minutes of selectmen's meetings: date, names of selectmen present, matters discussed, officers chosen, and votes taken.

Also contains:

- a. Abatement of taxes, poll and property, showing information as in entry 1-e. For tax collectors' abatements, see entries 46, 47.
 - b. Appointments of town officers, showing information as in entry 1-h.
 - c. Auction sales of grass on town flats, 1823-28, showing date, flat number, highest bidder, and amount.
 - d. [Constables'--Tax Collectors' Warrants], 1871-91, entry 41.
 - e. List of Jurors, 1827-68, entry 38.
 - f. Perambulations of town lines, 1829-50, showing information as in entry 1-au. For perambulations, 1793-1808, see entry 39-e.
 - g. Petitions to selectmen, showing information as in entry 1-av.
- Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 1 vol., 1820-70, 100 pp. 7½ x 6½ x ¾; 1 vol., 1871--, 550 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

Printed Reports

30. TOWN OF EXETER--ANNUAL REPORTS, 1871--. 70
vols. bound in 8 vols. Duplicate set, 1869--,
in State Library, Concord. Prior records
missing.

Annual reports of the town of Exeter, showing list of town officers; copy of town warrant; town budget; reports of selectmen, tax collector, town

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 60 (1652), see entry 1.
 2. Id.; T.M.B., vol. 2, p. 103 (1705); et passim, 1653-1704.
 3. Ibid., 1706--, passim.
 4. Ibid., 1706-19, passim.
 5. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 159 (1720); et passim, 1721-1816,
 6. Ibid., 1817-1920, passim.
 7. New Hampshire Laws of 1921, chs. 9, 17.

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clerk--including vital statistics-- , treasurer, highway agent, chief engineer, superintendent of police, library committee, justice of the municipal court, auditors, committee on recommendations, trustees of Swasey Parkway, relief agent, trustees of trust funds, and the trustees of Robinson Female Seminary; balance sheet; town expenditures; and financial statement. Arr. departmentally. No index. 330 pp. 9 x 6½ x 2. Off.

Payments

31. [RECORD OF PAYMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS], 1721-1840. 5 vols. (undated 4 vols., 1721-74, 1792-1840; 1 vol. dated 1774-92). Prior records missing.

Date, name of payee, purpose, and amount; committee to call or auditors' statements of accuracy; and list of creditors, showing date, name, and amount.

Also contains:

- a. [Constables'--Tax Collectors' Warrants], 1721-91, entry 41.
- b. [Highway Surveyors' Warrants], 1772-90, entry 42.
- c. Lists of paupers, 1818-19, showing date, name of pauper, and total number of paupers.
- d. Lists of persons warned out of town, 1781-84, 1787-88, 1790-92, showing date of list, and names of persons warned.
- e. Reports of tax collectors to selectmen, 1832-40, showing date, name of tax collector, amount collected, total, and name of signer--tax collector.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 13 x 7½ x 1½. 4 vols., 1721-92, off. t. c. and t. coll.; 1 vol., 1792-1840, off.

For treasurer's record of payments, 1832-87, 1893-94, 1898-- , see entry 50.

Taxation

32. LIST [Blotter] BOOK, 1778-87, 1890-- . 143 vols. (dated, and labeled by inclusive letters of the alphabet under resident and non-resident polls). Prior records missing.

1778-87, showing name of taxpayer; number of male and female slaves; number of polls, acres, horses, oxen, and cows; value of mills, real estate, and stock in trade; amount of money in bank; and total. 1890-- shows information as in entry 33. Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. headings. 10 vols., 1778-87, 30 pp. 13 x 8 x ½; 133 vols., 1890-- , 110 pp. 18 x 14 x 2½.

For town clerk's record of invoices, 1803-38, see entry 1-ad; for photostatic copies, 1762-1818, see entry 2-b.

33. INVOICE RECORDS EXETER, 1812-- . 20 vols. (numbered 5-7, 14, 4 vols., 1812-38, 1882-88; numbered 8-13, 15, 16 and dated, 8 vols., 1838-81, 1889-94, 1898-1901; dated, 6 vols., 1895-97, 1902-16, 1922-26, 1932-- ; unnumbered and undated, 2 vols., 1917-21, 1927-31). Title varies slightly.

1812-32, shows name of taxpayer; number of polls, acres, horses, oxen, and cows; value of mills, stock in trade, bank shares, and chaises; amount of

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income, money in bank, other real estate, and dooage; amount of town, State, county, highway, and school tax; and total amount. 1833-47, adds number, value, and description of buildings; and value of old stock, sheep, and carriages. 1848-89, adds value of neat stock, and amount of railroad shares. 1890-1916, adds improved and unimproved lands and buildings; value of asses, hogs, stock in public funds, and corporations in and out of state; money on hand, at interest, or deposit; value of aqueducts, locks, and canals, toll bridges, ferries, wharves, mills and carding machines, factories and their machinery, and buildings not designated; reduced value; dog tax; and number of fowls. 1917-- , adds number of mules, fur bearing animals, vehicles, boats and launches, and wood and lumber not stock in trade; precinct tax; value of stock in national banks in this State, and gasoline pumps and tanks; and soldiers' exemptions. Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. headings. 16 vols., 1812-1916, 400 pp. 17 x 11 x 2; 4 vols., 1917-- , 600 pp. 17 x 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 2.

For town clerk's invoice records, 1806-38, see entry 1-ad; for photostatic copies, 1762-1818, see entry 2-b; for blotter books, 1778-87, 1890-- , see entry 32.

34. [POLL TAX RECORD], 1920-- . Approx. 1800 cards
in 2 f. b. System began in 1920.

Name and address of taxpayer, and date name appeared on check-list. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 4 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11.

Licenses, Permits

35. [LIQUOR AND TAVERN LICENSES], 1792-1834. 2 vols.

Contains:

- a. Liquor licenses, showing information as in entry 1-aj. For photostatic copy of this record, 1792-1821, see entry 2-c.
- b. Tavern licenses, showing information as in entry 1-am.
- c. Record of strays, 1807, showing information as in entry 1-be.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 120 pp. 13 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$.

36. FOR LICENSE TO SELL MILK, 1931-- . Approx. 600
papers in 9 bdls. Prior licenses missing.

Date, names and addresses of applicant and persons from whom he buys milk, names of employees, signature of applicant, application number, and date license granted. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

37. FIREARM PERMITS, 1928-- . Approx. 200 permits
in 1 f. d. Prior permits missing.

Application for permit: date; description of firearms; name, residence, occupation, and signature of applicant; and length of time permit granted. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 3 x 5 x 10.

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and Elders); Juries;
Miscellaneous

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Juries

38. LIST OF JURORS, 1868--. 1 vol. 1827-68 in
[Selectmen's Records] Town of Exeter, entry
29-e.

Date, numbers of grand and petit jurors to be drawn, names of jurors
drawn, and signatures of selectmen. Arr. alph. by name of juror drawn.
No index. Hdw. 150 pp. $7\frac{3}{4}$ x $6\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$.

For duplicate list of jurors, 1840-42, see entry 39-d. For jury
meeting warrants and jury meetings, 1648-78, 1758--, see entries 1-ae, af.

Miscellaneous

39. [Miscellaneous] TOWN RECORDS, 1791-1870, 3 vols.
Title varies: Tax Book, 1814-29, 1 vol. Un-
titled, 1791-1813, 1 vol.

Contains:

- a. [Constables'--Tax Collectors' Warrants], entry 41.
- b. Highways, layout of, 1833, 1844-48, 1852-54, 1857, 1868, 1870,
showing information as in entry 1-aa.
- c. [Highway Surveyors' Warrants], entry 42.
- d. List of jurors, duplicate, 1840-42, showing information as in
entry 38. For jury meeting warrants and jury meetings, 1648-
78, 1758--, see entries 1-ae, af.
- e. Perambulations of town lines, 1793-1808, showing information as
in entry 1-au; for perambulations, 1829-50, see entry 29-f.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.
Off. t. c. and t. coll.

40. INSURANCE POLICIES, TOWN OFFICER'S BONDS, TAX
BILLS [Miscellaneous Papers], 1894, 1899, 1928--.
Approx. 700 papers in 7 f. d. Title varies:
Deeds, Plans and Documents; Selectmen.

Contains:

- a. Applications for sidewalks, 1936--, showing date; particulars;
and name, address, and signature of applicant.
- b. Bids, miscellaneous, 1938--, showing date, name of individual or
company, amount, specifications, and signature of bidder.
- c. Bonds of town officers, 1934--, showing information as in entry
1-m.
- d. Forest fire time cards, 1936--, showing location of fire, names
of firemen, date and time checked in and out, and signature of
engineer.
- e. Highway petitions, 1938--, showing information as in entry 1-ab.
- f. Insurance policies, 1939--, showing information as in entry 28.
- g. Orders to abate taxes, duplicate, 1937--, showing information as
in entry 49. For abatement of taxes, 1924--, see entries 46,
47.
- h. Permits to excavate, 1936--, showing name of person granted per-
mit, location of excavation, purpose, and signature of select-
man.

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- i. Quitclaim deeds; name of owner; consideration involved; name of person to whom transfer is made; description and location of property; conditions; and dates signed, sealed, and delivered.
- j. Selectmen's receipts from town treasurer, 1937--, showing date, amount received, purpose, and signature of treasurer.
- k. State aid constructions, 1938--, showing date; name of road; and costs of labor, equipment, and material.
- m. Street lighting contracts, 1936--, showing date, number of lights, and agreement of costs.
- n. Sewer plans, 1929-38, showing date, engineer's plan, and particulars.
- o. Tax bills, 1934--, showing names of town, State, and tax collector; date due; amount; kind of tax; date payment received; and signature of tax collector.
- p. Tax sales, 1936--, showing information as in entry 45. For town clerk's records of tax sales, 1817-1935, see entry 1-bg.
- q. United States War Department permit to construct two stone walls and dredge a new channel in Exeter River, 1929.
- r. Warranty deeds, 1930-31, 1935, showing names of parties concerned, county, State, and town; amount and description of property; conditions; amount of money received; date; signatures of parties concerned and witnesses; and jurat. For related record of deeds, 1725-1907, see entry 1-t.

No obvious arr. No index. Typed on ptd. forms. 4 f. d., 1894, 1899, 1928--, 12 x 5 x 18; 3 f. d., 1936--, 4 x 24 x 24.

41. [CONSTABLES'--TAX COLLECTORS' WARRANTS], 1721-1891. 1721-91 in [Record of Payments], entry 31-a; 1791-1870 in [Miscellaneous] Town Records, entry 39-a; 1871-91 in [Selectmen's Records] Town of Exeter, entry 29-d.

Constables' warrants, 1721-91, showing date, name of constable, amounts to be assessed, kind of tax (province, town), and total. Tax collectors' warrants, 1791-1891, showing names of collector and town; total tax to be collected; amounts payable to town, county, and State treasurers with dates due; kind of tax (property, poll, school, and precinct); and amount to be collected.

42. [HIGHWAY SURVEYORS' WARRANTS], 1772-1870. 1772-90 in [Record of Payments], entry 31-b; 1791-1870 in [Miscellaneous] Town Records, entry 39-c.

Date, amount of tax to be collected, names of town and highway surveyor, rate allowed for working out tax, and signatures of selectmen.

43. [POLICE CENSUS], 1939. Approx. 4,000 cards in 3 f. d. (labeled by inclusive letters of the alphabet). Isolated record.

Census of inhabitants taken by police department: name, address, and date of birth of inhabitant; names and dates of birth of children under twenty-one years of age; and number of dogs. Arr. alph. by name of inhabitant. No index. Typed on ptd. forms. 5 x 7 x 17. Off. t. c. and t. coll.

Committee on Recommendations
(Appropriations Committee);
Assessors; Tax Collector

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44. RECORDS [of Fire Department Payrolls], 1871--.

2 vols. Prior records missing.

Names of town, State, company, and firemen; date; amount received; and time of service. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 288 pp. 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$.

III. COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS (APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE)

A committee to recommend appropriations has functioned in Exeter from 1857. Until 1933 the members were appointed by the moderator. Commonly known as the appropriations committee, there has never been less than five members, and membership has gone as high as twenty-three persons.¹ From 1933 this committee has also been known as the committee on recommendations² It now consists of the selectmen and six members appointed by them. Its function is to prepare the budget.

This committee keeps no records. For annual reports of committee, see entry 30.

IV. ASSESSORS

In 1693 one assessor was elected, and in 1694 three were chosen.³ During the period 1699-1775 there is recorded the annual election of two to four of these officials, except for the years 1700, 1704, 1706, 1710, 1712, 1715-19, and 1771-73.⁴ No record of the election of assessors appears from 1776 until 1875 when five were chosen.⁵

The Town Minute Books reveal that the selectmen acted as assessors at intervals from 1784-1867.⁶ In view of this, and of the fact that it was customary in other towns for the selectmen to act as assessors when the latter were not elected, we may assume that this practice was employed in Exeter during the years assessors did not hold office.

These officials kept no records. For records of assessments, see entries 1-ad, 2-b, 32, 33.

V. TAX COLLECTOR

There is evidence that Exeter, in common with many other New Hampshire towns, entrusted the early collection of taxes to the constable.⁷ However, a tax collector was known by that name at least by 1776 when one was elected.⁸ No further mention of this office is found until 1788.

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1. T. M. B., vol. 8, p. 120 (1857), et passim, 1858--., see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 13, p. 403 (1933), et passim, 1934--.
 3. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 123 (1693), p. 126 (1694).
 4. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 66 (1699), vol. 3, p. 312 (1775), et passim, 1700-74.
 5. Ibid., vol. 9, p. 100 (1875), et passim, 1776-1874.
 6. Ibid., 1784-1867, passim.
 7. See [Constables'--Tax Collectors' Warrants], 1743, entry 31-a.
 8. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 322 (1776), see entry 1.

Tax Collector - Tax Sales;
Warrants

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From that year through 1812 the collector was hired or appointed by the selectmen, or the collection of taxes was vendued;¹ but from 1813 until the present time an incumbent of that office has been elected annually.²

Unless otherwise stated, records of the tax collector are kept in his office.

For annual reports of the tax collector, see entry 30.

Tax Sales

45. RECORD OF TAX SALES, 1933--. 1 vol.

Date; name of owner; description of property; amounts of unpaid taxes, interest, costs, and fees; price sold; name of buyer. Redemption, showing date, name of redeemer, and amounts of interest, expenses, fees, and total. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 75 pp. 17½ x 11 x ½.

For town clerk's records of tax sales, 1817-1935, see entry 1-bg; for selectmen's original tax sales, 1936--, see entry 40-p.

Warrants

46. NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLECTOR'S [Property] TAX BOOK,
1924--. 16 vols. 1903-23 in [Property and
Poll Taxes], entry 48-a.

Tax collector's warrant: names of town, county, and State; amounts to be collected; and signatures of selectmen. Collection of taxes: names of taxpayers, amounts of property or poll tax, total tax, date paid, interest collected, discount and abatement allowed, and amount collected. Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 275 pp. 8 x 6 x 1½. 9 vols., 1924-32, res. Mrs. L. S. Swain; 7 vols., 1933--, off.

For town clerk's abatements, 1742-1890, see entry 1-e; for selectmen's abatements, 1820--, see entry 29-a; for orders to abate taxes, 1937--, see entries 40-g, 49.

47. NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLECTOR'S [Poll] TAX BOOK,
1924--. 16 vols. 1903-23 in [Property and
Poll Taxes], entry 48-b.

Tax collector's warrant and collection of taxes, showing information as in entry 46. Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 275 pp. 8 x 6 x 1½. 9 vols., 1924-32, res. Mrs. L. S. Swain; 7 vols., 1933--, off.

For town clerk's abatements, 1742-1890, see entry 1-e; for selectmen's abatements, 1820--, see entry 29-a; for orders to abate taxes, 1937--, see entries 40-g, 49.

48. [PROPERTY AND POLL TAXES], 1903-23. 21 vols.
Prior records missing.

Contains:

- a. New Hampshire Collector's [Property] Tax Book, entry 46.
- b. New Hampshire Collector's [Poll] Tax Book, entry 47.

1. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 437 (1788), vol. 4, p. 145 (1812), et passim, 1789-1811. Collector hired by selectmen 1788-1800, appointed 1801-11, vendued 1812.

Treasurer - Receipts and
Payments

(49, 50)

Arr. chron. by date of entry and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer.
No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings, 275 pp. 8 x 6 x 1½. Res. Mrs. L. S.
Swain.

Miscellaneous

49. [ORDERS TO ABATE TAXES], 1937--. Approx. 450
papers in 3 bdls. Prior orders missing.

Name of town, date, number, name and residence of taxpayer, amount of and
reason for abatement, and signatures of selectmen. Arr. numer. by no. of
abatement and chron. thereunder by date of order. No index. Hdw. on ptd.
forms. 6 x 4½ x ¾.

For duplicates, 1937--, see entry 40-g; for abatement of taxes, see
entries 46, 47.

VI. TREASURER

The selectmen of early Exeter handled the financial affairs of the
town. To cite two examples, the Town Minute Books show that the select-
men received the price of lumber used for masts¹ and that they hired school-
masters.² In 1721 it was "voted * * * that a Book Shuld be Bought for
the Selectmen to Keep a fair Record of what money they Rais and how thay
dispose of it."³ The minutes for 1833 definitely state that a report of
the financial concerns of the town was read at the town meeting by the
chairman of the selectmen; and that a copy of the report was to be pub-
lished in the Exeter News Letter.⁴

In 1878 a town treasurer was elected.⁵ The following year the office
was filled by appointment, but from that time until the present day one
treasurer has been annually elected.⁶ Records are kept in the vault of
the selectmen's office.

For annual reports of the treasurer, see entry 30.

Receipts and Payments

50. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1832-87, 1893-94, 1898--.
9 vols. Prior records missing. Title varies
slightly.

Receipts: date, receipt number, from whom, source, and amount; payments:
date, check number, to whom, purpose, amount, and balance; and deposits:
date and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw., and hdw.
on ptd. headings. 200 pp. 17 x 10 x 2.

For selectmen's record of payments, 1721-1840, see entry 31.

1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 76 (1664), see entry 1.

2. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 97 (1703).

3. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 166 (1721).

4. Ibid., vol. 6, p. 171 (1833).

5. Ibid., vol. 9, p. 286 (1878).

6. Ibid., vol. 9, p. 298 (1879), et passim, 1880--.

Auditors (Committee to
Call)

(51-54)

Bonds and Notes

51. RECORDS [Bonds and Notes], 1855-1913, 1920--.
6 vols. Prior records missing. Title varies:
Bond Record, 1855-79, 1 vol.; Notes Payable,
1862-1913, 1 vol.

Record of town bonds and notes. Bonds; number of bond, amount, to whom payable, rate of interest, dates issued and due, and date and amount of payment. Notes: date, amount, name of holder, rate of interest, purpose, and names of signers--treasurer, holder, and witnesses. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Vouchers, Cancelled Checks, Bank Statements

52. VOUCHERS, 1931--. Approx. 6,000 vouchers in 10
bdls. Prior vouchers destroyed.

Date, names of town and State, voucher number, to whom paid, purpose, and amount.

Also contains:

- a. Bills: date, to whom, purpose, and amount.
- b. Original orders for relief, 1934--. showing information as in entry 88. Original order is given to recipient who in turn gives it to vendor; the vendor returns the order with bill attached to treasurer for payment.

Arr. chron. by date of voucher and numer. thereunder by voucher no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 8 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

53. CANCELLED CHECKS, 1931--. Approx. 6,000
checks in 6 f. d. (dated). Prior checks
destroyed.

Names of town, State, and bank; check number; date; to whom; amount; names of selectmen; signatures of treasurer and payee; and bank stamp. Arr. numer. by check no. and chron. thereunder by date of check. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 5 x 10 x 24.

54. [BANK STATEMENTS], 1940--. 12 loose sheets.
Prior sheets destroyed.

Names and addresses of depositor and bank, amount of previous balance, dates and amounts of deposits and withdrawals, and balance after each transaction. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12.

VII. AUDITORS (COMMITTEE TO CALL)

At intervals from 1695-1779 a committee of two or three members, known as the committee to call, was elected to audit the selectmen's financial accounts.¹ In 1779, however, three auditors were chosen and

1. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 35 (1695), et passim, 1696-1779, see entry 1.

Trustees of Trust Funds;
Cemetery Association

(55)

from that time took over the duties of this committee. From two to four auditors were elected annually, 1779-1895, but from 1896 to date the annual elections have been for two auditors only.¹

These officials keep no records. For annual reports of the auditors, see entry 30.

VIII. TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Selectmen cared for trust funds prior to 1916. In that year three trustees were elected for terms of 1, 2, and 3 years respectively. At the present time, one trustee is elected each year for a 3-year term.²

The records of trust funds are kept at the drug store of William H. Seward, a trustee.

For annual reports of the trustees of trust funds, see entry 30.

55. TRUST FUND RECORDS, 1889--. 1 vol. Prior records missing.

Names of fund and donor, date of creation, how invested, amount of principal, rate of interest, balance of income at beginning of year, income and expenses during the year, balance at end of year, and auditors' certification. Arr. chron. by date fund established. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 300 pp. 14 x 10 x 2.

IX. CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The cemetery association dates back to 1843 when it was organized with a board of five trustees, three of the trustees acting in the capacities of president, secretary, and treasurer.³ This arrangement continued until 1889 when the association had a president, secretary, and treasurer in addition to the five trustees.⁴ The 1889 system continued until 1936 when the present by-laws were adopted. Under the present arrangement, the association elects one trustee each year for a 5-year term. A secretary and two auditors are elected annually by the association. The trustees annually elect a president and a treasurer. According to the by-laws, the trustees "have the same powers and perform the same duties as the directors of an ordinary business corporation. They shall have the custody and oversight of buildings, grounds, and funds; shall make and enforce whatever regulations they may deem wise for the government and control of the Cemetery, and may employ a superintendent and necessary laborers." The two inactive cemeteries are managed by the selectmen.

Cemetery records are located at the Exeter Banking Company and the residences of C. Everett Colcord, superintendent and treasurer; William McNulty, clerk of the trustees; and Ernest G. Templeton, secretary of the association.

1. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 365 (1779), et passim, 1780--, see entry 1.

2. Ibid., vol. 12, p. 250 (1916), et passim, 1917--.

3. [Record of Trustees' Meetings], vol. 1, p. 1 (1843), see entry 57.

4. Ibid., vol. 2, pp. not numbered (1889).

The first part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the general principles of the theory of the structure of the atom. It is shown that the structure of the atom is determined by the laws of quantum mechanics, and that the laws of quantum mechanics are in agreement with the experimental facts.

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Surplus Revenue Agent;
Moderator

(56-58)

56. [MEETING RECORD OF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION],
1871--. 1 vol. Prior records missing.

Date, regulations adopted, list of lots sold, and reports of superintendent and treasurer read and accepted. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 12 x 10 x 2. Res. Ernest G. Templeton.

57. [RECORD OF TRUSTEES' MEETINGS], 1843--.
3 vols.

Date, members present, appointments made, business transacted, list of funds in hands of trustees, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 190 pp. 10 x 8 x 1. 2 vols., 1843-1937, v. Exeter Banking Co.; 1 vol., 1938--, res. William McNulty.

58. [RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS], 1932--. 1 vol.
System began 1932.

Receipts: date, from whom (mostly perpetual care funds), and amount.
Payments: date, to whom, purpose (costs of labor and equipment), and amount. Also yearly certification by auditors. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 12 x 9 x 1. Res. C. Everett Coloord.

X. SURPLUS REVENUE AGENT

In 1837 it was necessary for Exeter to appoint an agent to receive its share of the surplus revenue.¹ The selectmen were to loan the town's proportion of this fund at interest to corporations,² and this interest together with any part of the fund necessary was to be used toward paying the expenses of the town.³

No records of this agent have been found.

XI. MODERATOR

It is reasonable to suppose that during Exeter's period of self-government the chief magistrate (ruler)⁴ acted in the capacity of moderator. From the end of that period until 1695, it is difficult to ascertain in what way, or by whom, the duties of the moderator were performed. But in 1695, and for each of the succeeding five years, a moderator was definitely elected.⁵ For the years 1701-19 elections of moderators appear irregularly in the Town Minute Books,⁶ After 1719 elections for moderator became regular, being held annually through 1891, and biennially from that time to date.⁷

He keeps no records.

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1. T. M. B., vol. 6, p. 375 (1837), see entry 1.
 2. Id.; T. M. B., vol. 6, p. 432 (1837).
 3. T. M. B., vol. 6, pp. 489-491 (1838), p. 503 (1839).
 4. See Bell, op. cit., p. 18.
 5. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 35 (1695), et passim, 1696-1700, see entry 1.
 6. Ibid., 1701-19, passim.
 7. Ibid., 1720--, passim.

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Supervisors of the Check-
List; Ballot Inspectors;
School District

(59, 60)

XII. SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK-LIST

Since 1878 Exeter has elected biennially three supervisors of the check-list.¹

Records are at the residence of Arthur Tytus, one of the supervisors.

59. ALPHABETICAL LIST OF VOTERS IN EXETER, 1916--.

102 lists. Prior lists missing.

List of legal voters in Exeter: date, names of voters, and signatures of supervisors of check-list and selectmen. No obvious arr. No index. Ptd. with hdw. additions. 24 x 20.

For town clerk's lists, 1932--., see entry 27; for list of those eligible to vote in school affairs, 1933--., see entry 84-a.

60. [RECORD OF NATURALIZED VOTERS], 1855--. 1 vol.

Law requiring record passed 1855.

Name and address of person naturalized, number, and date and place of court where naturalized. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x $\frac{3}{4}$.

XIII. BALLOT INSPECTORS

Ballot inspectors have been appointed by the selectmen biennially since 1892, except for the year 1902 when no mention of them is found. Since 1932 it has been customary to appoint five persons biennially to this office, two of whom are designated by the moderator to act as ballot clerks.²

They keep no records.

XIV. SCHOOL DISTRICT

Experienced teachers were among the early Exeter settlers, and it would be reasonable to assume that they conducted the first Exeter schools³ In 1703 the Town Minute Books contained a vote for hiring a schoolmaster.⁴ Four years later the town voted to build a schoolhouse on land purchased near the new meeting-house.⁵ The year 1742 marked the beginning of school districts in Exeter. The town voted to hire a standing school, and stipulated that "the several Branches of the town have their part of the money allowed to them in Proportion to what they pay." To accomplish this, the selectmen were "to Set off the Several districts and to say where the School shall be kept."⁶ A division of the town into six school districts

1. T. M. B., vol. 9, pp. 264, 266 (1878), et passim, 1880--., see entry 1.

2. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 162 (1892), et passim, 1894--.

3. Bell, op. cit., p. 285.

4. T. M. B., vol. 2, p. 97 (1703), see entry 1.

5. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 107 (1707).

6. Ibid., vol. 3, pp. 17, 18 (1742).

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THE PROBLEM OF THE FLOODING OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

The Mississippi River, which flows through the heart of the United States, is one of the great waterways of the world. It is the longest river in the world, extending for over 3,000 miles from its source in the north to the Gulf of Mexico in the south. The river is the lifeblood of the American West, and its waters are the source of life and sustenance for millions of people. The problem of the flooding of the Mississippi River is a problem of the first importance to the United States, and it is one which has long been the subject of much study and discussion. The purpose of this paper is to discuss the problem of the flooding of the Mississippi River, and to suggest some of the measures which may be taken to prevent such flooding in the future.

THE CAUSES OF THE FLOODING OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

The flooding of the Mississippi River is caused by a number of factors, the most important of which are the heavy rains which fall upon the river basin, the melting of the snow which covers the mountains of the West, and the breaking up of the ice which flows down the river in the spring. The heavy rains which fall upon the river basin cause the water to flow down the river with great rapidity, and the melting of the snow which covers the mountains of the West causes the water to flow down the river in great quantities. The breaking up of the ice which flows down the river in the spring causes the water to flow down the river in great quantities, and the result is a great increase in the volume of water which flows down the river.

THE MEASURES WHICH MAY BE TAKEN TO PREVENT SUCH FLOODING

There are a number of measures which may be taken to prevent such flooding of the Mississippi River. The most important of these measures are the construction of levees, the construction of dams, and the construction of floodways. The construction of levees is the most common method of preventing flooding, and it is a method which has been used for many years. The construction of dams is another method of preventing flooding, and it is a method which has been used for many years. The construction of floodways is a new method of preventing flooding, and it is a method which has been used for many years.

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61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
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81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

occurred in 1807.¹ The following year the State legislature provided for school inspection in the form of a committee of three or more persons who were to visit and inspect schools from time to time.² In 1827 school supervision was strengthened by an enactment requiring a supervising (superintending) school committee and a prudential committee.³ In his reminiscences of early Exeter, William G. Perry, who served at one time on the Exeter superintending school committee, wrote as follows about the superintending and prudential committees: The

duty [of the superintending committee] was to examine and approve teachers, to visit all the schools, and report their condition to the town. When I commenced service on that board we had to read our report in open Town Meeting. We were paid twenty-five dollars a year each, and we had to find a horse and carriage to ride to the outside districts.

Each district chose its own 'Prudential Committee'; their duty was to procure teachers and hire them if they passed the examination of the town [superintending] committee; also to buy the wood, brooms, and pails, and take care of the school houses.⁴

The school system in Exeter, like those in other New Hampshire towns, was reorganized in 1885, as the result of a State law which dissolved the then existing school districts.⁵ From then on, with some exceptions, each town has constituted a single school district administered by a school board of three members. The Exeter district is a member of Supervisory Union No. 16.

A high school was established in Exeter in 1848.⁶ At the present time its enrollment consists of boys only. Exeter girls of high school age obtain their instruction at the Robinson Female Seminary (see Trustees of Robinson Female Seminary, p. 83).

Unless otherwise stated, records of the school district are kept in the office of the superintendent of schools, Clifton A. Towle.

District and Board Minutes

61. RECORD [of Exeter School District], 1931--.

1 vol. Prior records missing.

Warrants and minutes of meetings of school district, Warrants: date, time, and place of meeting; name of town; articles to be voted upon; officers to be chosen; date of warrant; date and place of posting; and names of signers --selectmen. Minutes of meetings: name of town, date and place of meeting, officers elected, votes taken, appropriations made, and name of signer --clerk of school board. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 13½ x 8½ x 1.

For copies of school district minutes, 1933--, see entry 83-h; for copies of school district warrants, 1932--, see entry 83-i; for warrants

1. T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 27 (1806), p. 48 (1807), see entry 1.

2. Laws of New Hampshire, 7:772 (1808).

3. Ibid., 9:662, 663 (1827).

4. William G. Perry, Exeter in 1830, (Exeter, preface dated 1913), pp. 93, 94.

5. New Hampshire Laws of 1885, ch. 43.

6. Bell, op. cit., p. 290.

printed in annual reports of school district, 1890--., see entry 67.

62. RECORDS [of School Board Meetings], 1886--.

3 vols.

Date, time, and place of meeting; members present; articles discussed; votes taken; and signature of school board clerk.

Also contains:

- a. Budget recommendations, 1915--., showing date, purpose, and amount. For printed budget proposals, 1890--., see entry 67.
- b. Lists of promotions, 1886-1911, showing date, and names of school and pupil.
- c. Oath of office, 1886, showing date; names of county, town, person appointed or elected, and office; and jurat.
- d. Rules and regulations of schools, 1917, showing organization of school board; and duties of superintendent, teachers, and janitors.
- e. School board expenses, 1886-1911, showing date, to whom paid, items, and amount.
- f. Teachers' certificates, 1886, 1889, showing date, name and qualifications of teacher, certificate issued, and signature of secretary of school board.
- g. Treasurers' bonds, 1896, 1899, showing names of town, county, State, treasurer, and sureties; date; conditions; and signatures of witnesses, principal, and sureties.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 10 x 8 x $\frac{3}{4}$.

Financial

63. SCHOOL DISTRICT CASH DISTRIBUTING RECORD OF INDEBTEDNESS, EXETER, N. H., 1894-99, 1913--.

4 vols. Prior records missing. Title varies:

Journal, 1894-99, 1 vol. Untitled, 1913-35,

2 vols.

General fund--loan fund record. Receipts: date, from whom, source, and amount. Payments: date; voucher number; to whom; particulars; and purpose of expenditures, such as administration, instruction, revenue--expense--outlay, operation and maintenance of school plant, auxiliary agencies and special activities, fixed charges, outlay for construction and equipment, debt, interest, and other charges. Arr: chron. by date of entry.

No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. headings. 1 vol., 1894-99, 216 pp. 8 x $6\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$; 1 vol., 1913-18, 160 pp. $13\frac{3}{4}$ x $10\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$; 2 vols., 1918--., 150 pp. $11\frac{3}{4}$ x 22 x 1.

64. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1894-99, 1913--. 7 vols.

Prior records missing. Title varies: Journal,

1894-99, 1 vol. Untitled, 1913-18, 1 vol.

Treasurer's record of receipts and payments. Receipts: date, receipt number, from whom, source, and amount. Deposits: date and amount. Payments: date, check number, to whom, purpose, amount, and balance. Arr. chron. by date of entry and number. thereunder by voucher no. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. headings. 1 vol., 1894-99, 216 pp. 8 x 7 x 1; 1 vol., 1913-18, 160 pp. 16 x 10 x $\frac{3}{4}$; 5 vols., 1918--., 225 pp. 10 x 8 x 1.

School District - Reports;
High School

(65-68)

5 vols., 1894-99, 1913-35, off. supt.; 2 vols., 1935--, store, Fred A. Moore.

65. PAID INVOICES, VOUCHERS, 1922--. Approx. 16,000 papers in 58 f. b. (dated). Prior papers destroyed. Title varies slightly.

Names of town and school district; number and date of voucher; to whom paid; and purpose of expenditures, such as administration, instruction, operation and maintenance of school plant, auxiliary agency and special activities, fixed charges, outlay for construction and equipment, debt, interest, and other charges. Bills attached to vouchers, showing date, name and address of company, articles supplied, amount, and total. Vouchers, arr. numer. and chron. thereunder; bills, arr. alph. by name of company. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms and headings. 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 11 x 3.

66. [CANCELLED CHECKS], 1932--. Approx. 5,400 checks in 9 bdls. (dated). Prior checks destroyed.

Date, names of payee and town, purpose, amount, signatures of school board members and treasurer, endorsement of payee, and bank cancellation stamp. Also contains:

Bank statements: date, number and amount of checks drawn, amount deposited, and balance.

Arr. chron. by date of check and numer. thereunder by check no. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 x 7. 8 bdls., 1932-39, off. supt.; 1 bdl., 1939--, store, Fred A. Moore.

Reports

67. ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT, 1890--. 50 vols. (dated). Prior records missing.

List of district officers; school district warrant; reports of school district treasurer, school board, superintendent of schools, headmaster of Exeter high school, supervisors of music and art, school physician, and school nurse; school board's estimate of appropriations needed; and proposed budget for school year. Arr. departmentally. No index. Ptd. 25 pp. 9 x 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 1/8.

For school district warrants, 1931--, see entry 61; for copies of school district warrants, 1932--, see entry 83-i; for record of budget recommendations, 1915--, see entry 62-a.

High School

68. WALKER'S READY REFERENCE REGISTER, 1848--. 16 vols., approx. 1800 cards in 1 f. d., 3 post binders. Title varies: Record of Attendance and Recitation of Exeter High School, 1882-97, 1 vol.; Record of Recitations and Deportments of Exeter High School, 1865-81, 3 vols. Untitled, 1848-64, 1921--, 9 vols., 1 f. d., 3 post binders.

Attendance, recitation, and deportment record of high school students: name, date and place of birth, if vaccinated, curriculum, and class of student; name and address of parent or guardian, and father's occupation; dates student entered and left school; report of previous school record

with number of grade and subject covered, showing average, deportment, attendance, dismissal, credits, and remarks; extra curricula activities, honors, awards, prizes, etc.; date graduated; date of withdrawal before graduation; occupation after leaving school; and higher institution entered or transferred to. Early records meager in information. Arr. chron. by year of class and alph. thereunder by name of student. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. 16 vols., 1848-1921, 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½; 1 f. d., 12 x 16 x 20; 3 post binders, 700 pp. 8½ x 14 x 4. 13 vols., 1 f. d., 3 post binders, 1848-64, 1882--, off. high school headmaster; 3 vols., 1865-81, off. supt.

69. CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE, 1932--. Approx. 700
papers in 1 f. d. Prior papers destroyed.

Incoming and carbon copies of outgoing correspondence pertaining to the office of headmaster: date, to whom (supervisory union, State Board of Education, parents, supply houses, etc.) or from whom, particulars, and signature of headmaster or correspondent. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 16 x 20. Off. headmaster, high school.

XV. TRUSTEES OF ROBINSON FEMALE SEMINARY

Although William Robinson left Exeter at the age of twenty-one to seek fortune elsewhere, he always retained a strong interest in his native town. He died in Augusta, Georgia, sometime during the Civil War. At the close of the war, information reached Exeter that he had made the town his residuary legatee for the purpose of establishing an educational institution for girls.¹ From other sources the town received bequests in land.² The various gifts were accepted, and the school was established in 1867, with the approval of the State legislature.³

The affairs of the Robinson Female Seminary are now managed by a board of seven trustees. At each annual town meeting, one trustee is elected for a 7-year term. Unlike the Exeter High School, the Robinson Female Seminary is not a part of the Exeter Supervisory Union.⁴

Except for the records of receipts and payments, entry 75, in the office of Ernest G. Templeton, treasurer, all records are in the office of the principal, James A. Pirnie.

For annual reports of trustees, see entry 30.

70. RECORD [of Meetings of Trustees], 1866--. 3 vols.

Monthly meetings of trustees: date, number present, appointments and salaries of teachers, schedule of securities held and investments made by trustees, business transacted, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 13 x 9 x 1.

1. Bell, op. cit., p. 291.

2. T. M. B., vol. 8, p. 422 (1866), see entry 1.

3. New Hampshire Laws of 1867, ch. XCVI; Bell, op. cit., p. 292.

4. For a detailed account of current activities of the Robinson Female Seminary, see Town of Exeter--Annual Reports 1940, pp. 66-82, see entry 30.

71. NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL REGISTER, 1919--. 63 vols.

Prior records missing.

School registers, showing information as in entry 77. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms and headings. 30 pp. 13 x 9 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

72. REGISTER OF THE ROBINSON FEMALE SEMINARY, 1869-98.

1 vol. System began 1869. Discontinued.

Dates of admission and withdrawal; name, age, and residence of student; names of parents; and signature of student. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 350 pp. 17 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

For school registers of the supervisory union, 1857-58, 1887--, see entry 77.

73. STUDENT RECORD, 1897--. 3 vols., and approx.

1000 cards in 2 f. d. System began 1897.

Volumes, 1897-1921, showing name, residence, and birthdate of student; names of parents or guardian; date entered school; subjects taken; and attendance record. Cards, 1922--, showing name, address, sex, place and date of birth, grades covered, and marks of student; names, nationality, if living, and occupations of parents; dates of entrance and withdrawal; scholarship; and remarks; and reverse side, showing personal and athletic qualities for junior and senior years, photograph, and extra curricula activities of student. Arr. chron. by date of recording. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms and headings. Vols., 350 pp. 14 x 9 x 2; f. d., 9 x 8 x 18.

74. NOTICE TO PARENTS, 1936--. Approx. 200 cards in

1 f. d. Prior notices destroyed.

Notices to parents of failure of students to pass subjects: date, subject failed, reasons, names of school and student, request for cooperation from parents, number of grade, signatures of teacher and parent, and return of notice. Arr. chron. by date of notice. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 8 x 5 x 12.

75. CASH BOOK, 1916--. 2 vols. Prior records missing.

Record of receipts and payments. Receipts: date, source (income from investments, tuition, other), and amount. Payments: date, to whom, purpose, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 500 pp. 18 x 16 x 2.

76. [CORRESPONDENCE], 1928--. Approx. 900 letters in 2 f. d. Destroyed periodically.

Incoming and carbon copies of outgoing correspondence pertaining to the office of principal: date, to whom (State Board of Education, parents, supply houses, etc.) or from whom, particulars, and signature of principal or correspondent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 12 x 18.

XVI. SUPERVISORY UNION

Exeter is the seat of Supervisory Union No. 16 which also includes the towns of Greenland, Kensington, Newfields, and Stratham.¹ The school

1. New Hampshire Register 1939, p. 36.

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boards of these towns, in consultation, nominate the superintendent of schools. Acting upon this nomination the State Board of Education makes the actual appointment.

Supervisory union records are kept at the office of the superintendent, Clifton A. Towle.

Registers

77. NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL REGISTER, 1857-58, 1887--.
146 vols. (dated, and labeled by names of towns in supervisory union). Title varies: New Hampshire Department of Public Instruction--Division of Statistics and Accounts--School Register.

School teachers' registers kept on form prescribed by State Board of Education (State Commissioner of Education): registration of pupils and personal statistics; attendance record for each term; name of teacher and qualifications; advancement of pupils; average age of pupils in September; register summary for school year, showing number of pupils registered during year, length of school year in weeks, average daily attendance and absences, and number of non-resident pupils; number of visits by superintendent, school physician and nurse, members of school board, and parents; number of pupils not absent or tardy; and non-resident enrollment list, showing name and address of pupil. 47 vols., 1888--, pertain to Exeter. Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 25 pp. 12 x 10 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

For New Hampshire school registers of the Robinson Female Seminary, 1919--, see entry 71; for obsolete registers of the Seminary, 1869-98, see entry 72.

Pupils' Record

78. [ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECORD], 1918--, Approx.
2,000 cards in 1 f. d., 10 vols. System began 1918.

Names of school district, pupil, and school; grades covered; entrance date; record of subjects; enrollment, deportment, effort, and promotion record; date and birthplace of pupil; names, nationality, and occupations of parents; record of tests; schools attended in other towns; transfer record; and remarks. Yellow cards--boys, blue cards--girls. 3 of the 10 vols. pertain to Exeter. Arr. alph. by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 1 f. d., 1918-31, $1\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 28; 8 vols., 1923--, 100 pp. 6 x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 1; 1 vol., 1926--, 200 pp. $15\frac{1}{2}$ x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$; 1 vol., 1930--, 150 pp. $15\frac{1}{4}$ x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{4}$.

Certificates, Tests, Census

79. BIRTH AND HEALTH CERTIFICATES [and Miscellaneous],
1911--. Approx. 1,000 papers in 4 f. b. (1-1026).

Contains:

- a. Baptismal certificates, copies of, 1911-27, showing date; names of child, parents, and church; date of birth; names of sponsors; and name of rector.
- b. Birth certificates, copies of, showing date and place of birth, sex, color, name, living or stillborn, and number of child; names, birthplaces, color, age, occupations, and residence of parents; name and address of physician reporting birth; and attest of town clerk. For original certificates of birth, 1938--., see entry 9; for record of births, 1932-37, see entry 10.
- c. Employment certificates: date and place of birth, age, literacy, sex, personal description, name, and signature of child; date; kind of employment; and signature of superintendent.
- d. Health certificates: name, age, and physical condition of child; nature of employment; dates certificate issued and recorded; date of approval; and signatures of superintendent and physician.
- e. Promotion certificate, 1912, showing date; names of school, town, and child; grade completed and promoted to; attendance record; vaccination; names of parents or guardian and teacher; and signature of school board member.
- f. School record of pupils, 1911-33: names of school and child, attendance and ability record, date and place of birth, names of parents, date recorded, and signatures of principal and superintendent.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. $5\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$.

80. TESTS, 1932--. Approx. 2,000 papers in 1 f. d.
Prior papers missing.

New standard achievement and Detroit recognition tests given to pupils in various subjects: date; name, age, and grade of pupil; score; classification; total score; and names of town, State, teacher, and school. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. $14\frac{1}{2} \times 13 \times 28$.

81. ENUMERATION OF CHILDREN, EXETER, N. H., 1895-99,
1903-11, 1913-14. 14 vols. Prior records missing.
1919-- in [Miscellaneous Papers] Correspondence,
entry 84-d.

Annual census of school children, showing name, age, sex, school grade, birthplace, birthdate, residence, employable, and ability of child to read and write English; and names and occupations of parents. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 3 vols., 1895-99, 250 pp. $13\frac{3}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$; 11 vols., 1903-11, 1913-14, 150 pp. $9\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$.

For original school census papers, 1914-19, 1923--., see entry 83-g.

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Miscellaneous

82. [ORDERS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES], 1931--. Approx.

1,600 orders in 6 f. b. Prior orders missing.

Date, number of order, name and address of company, name of school district, articles, quantity, unit, price, amount charged to school district, and total. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index. Typed on ptd. headings. 12½ x 11 x 3.

83. SUPERVISORY UNION #16, FINANCES, HEALTH, SUPERVISION STATISTICS, SUPT. REPORTS, TEACHERS PAY ROLL, TEACHERS REPORTS, MISCELLANEOUS, 1914--. Approx. 2,200 papers in 1 f. d. Prior papers missing.

Contains:

- a. Bills approved, 1919--, showing date, name of firm, date of invoice, items, purpose, and amount. For related records, 1919-28, see entry 84-c.
- b. Enrollment of pupils, 1933--, showing number of district; grade; and names of town, school, teacher, and pupils.
- c. Financial reports of school districts, 1919--. Receipts, showing date, from whom, and amount. Payments, showing date, to whom, purpose, and amount; balance; and itemized assets and liabilities.
- d. Health supervision, 1922-25, 1928--. Annual reports of health examiner: number of defects, cases of communicable disease, methods for protection, report of special work, number of pupils affected and treated, and name of examiner.
- e. Minutes of meetings of supervisory union, 1925--, showing date and place of meeting, districts represented, members present, officers elected, name of superintendent chosen, signatures of chairman and secretary, and jurat.
- f. Reports to division of child welfare, 1919--, showing number of children found employed, names of establishments, and number of establishments inspected.
- g. Return of school census, 1914-19, 1923--, showing number of children in and out of school; and name, address, age, and nature and extent of illiteracy or other handicap of pupil. For record of school census, 1895-99, 1903-11, 1913-14, see entry 81.
- h. School district meetings, copies of minutes, 1933--, showing information as in entry 61.
- i. School district warrants, copies of, 1932--, showing information as in entry 61. For warrants printed in annual reports of school district, 1890--, see entry 67.
- j. State Board of Education--Division of Statistics and Accounts, 1921, 1926--: budgets for school board, high school, and elementary schools; statutory requirements; salaries of district officers; per capita tax for supervision; payment of principal and interest of debt; tuition for high schools and academies; other obligations; appropriations with amounts; authorization to incur debt with amount; certification of clerk and chairman

- of school board; payments to school board, showing date, explanation, amount, and total; and source of income with amount.
- k. Statistics of pupils, 1920--: number of schools and teachers; number of registered pupils, showing name, age, attendance, promotion, and retardation record of pupil; non-resident pupils enrolled in elementary schools, showing number of district, and name and residence of pupils; non-resident pupils in secondary schools or institutions, showing name, location, and number of pupils; and part time teachers and supervisors, showing name, and number of days worked per week.
 - m. Superintendent's report of visits, 1920--, showing date, name of school, grade, total schools visited, number of visits made, and number of teachers' meetings held.
 - n. Teachers' contracts, 1930--, showing articles of agreement; names of town, State, and parties concerned; position to be filled; tenure; salary; credentials of teacher; statement of allegiance to State laws; and signatures of parties concerned.
 - o. Teachers' payrolls, 1930--, showing date; names of town, State, and teacher; and amount of payment.
 - p. Teachers' reports, 1919--, showing name, and professional improvements (degree, travel, summer school, etc.).
 - q. Tuition contracts with academy or school, 1934-35, showing date; names of town, county, and State; amount of tuition per pupil; signatures of school boards of sending and receiving towns; and approval by State Board of Education.
- Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., hdw. on ptd. headings, ptd., and typed on ptd. forms and headings. 14½ x 13 x 28.

84. [Miscellaneous Papers] CORRESPONDENCE, 1919--.
Approx. 2,000 papers in 1 f. d. Destroyed periodically.

Incoming and carbon copies of outgoing letters pertaining to office of superintendent: date, to or from whom, particulars, and signature of superintendent or correspondent.

Also contains:

- a. Alphabetical lists of inhabitants eligible to vote in school affairs, 1933--. For town clerk's list of voters, 1932--, see entry 27. For list of the supervisors of the check-list, 1916--, see entry 59.
- b. Alphabetical lists of companies from which school supplies are bought.
- c. Bills approved, 1919-28, showing information as in entry 83-a.
- d. Enumeration of Children, Exeter, N. H., entry 81.
- e. Superintendents' reports, 1931-36, showing date, number of union, names of superintendent and schools, record of school supervision and school board meetings, and duties performed by superintendent.
- f. Tuition lists, 1929--, showing date, names of town and pupils, grade, dates installments paid, and amount.

Arr. alph. by subject matter. No index. Typed, ptd., hdw., and hdw. on ptd. headings. 14½ x 13 x 28.

XVII. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

In 1797 the Exeter Social Library was incorporated.¹ Eighteen years later the Mechanics' Social Library was incorporated.² Neither library lasted for any great length of time, apparently, for in his history (published 1888) Bell makes no reference to the Mechanics' Social Library. He does mention that the contents of the Exeter Social Library were divided among the proprietors. At its inception there were thirty-eight proprietors, and the library possessed 168 volumes.³

It was in 1853 that Exeter made its first appropriation for the establishment of a public library. Public spirited citizens laid the foundation for its success by donating a number of books from their own collections. The town not only appropriated money for the library, but also provided suitable rooms in the old town house. A fund of \$5,000 was given by Doctor Charles A. Merrill, the income to be applied to the purchase of volumes, and since the expense of the library was small, the town appropriations were largely laid out in books. By 1888 there were more than 6,000 volumes in this library.⁴

An association was formed in 1886 under the name of the Exeter Library Company. Its purpose was to construct and maintain a library building. To defray expenses, the town was to be divided into districts, and collectors were to solicit stated contributions equal to five cents a week from all persons in their districts, giving a certificate to each contributor. By 1893 a sum of \$988.87 had been raised, and this was to be expended upon the new library building and its furnishings.⁵ The Exeter Library Company was disbanded in 1893.⁶ At its annual meeting the same year the town voted to choose by ballot a committee of nine members, to be known as the library committee, to maintain the library and supervise its activities. Three members of the first committee were to be elected for 1 year, three members for 2 years, and three members for 3 years, and thereafter three members were to be chosen for a 3-year term at each annual town meeting.⁷ The nine-member board is still elected, and it is referred to interchangeably as the library committee or as the library trustees. Records are kept at the Exeter Public Library.

For annual reports of the library committee, see entry 30.

85. RECORDS [of Library Committee], 1893-99, 1923--.

3 vols.

By-laws of committee; names of committeemen; rules for library; communications; list of books; names of librarian and assistant; annual report of treasurer; copies of wills of J. T. Perry, Charles Merrill, Harriet Merrill, Abner Merrill, and Albert Buzzell; and minutes of meetings, showing date, time, and place of meeting; articles discussed; and votes taken. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. and typed. 400 pp. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

1. Laws of New Hampshire, 6:404 (1797); New Hampshire State Papers, 11:669

2. Laws of New Hampshire, 8:409, 410 (1815).

3. Bell, op. cit., p. 102.

4. Ibid., pp. 109, 110.

5. Records [of Exeter Library Company], pp. 1-3 (1886), p. 33 (1893), see entry 86.

6. Ibid., p. 34 (1893).

7. Records [of Library Committee], p. 1 (1893), see entry 85.

Relief Agent (Overseers of
the Poor)

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86. RECORDS [of Exeter Library Company], 1886-93.
1 vol.

Articles of association, showing date; and names of subscribers, association, and town. Report of committees, showing date, time, and place of report. Also record of articles discussed and acted upon. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 146 pp. 10½ x 8 x ½.

XVIII. RELIEF AGENT (OVERSEERS OF THE POOR)

Early custom permitted the poor of towns to be let out to individuals; the persons who would feed, clothe, and house certain paupers with the least expense to the town, would be given custody of them.¹ It was not until 1817 that the town passed a vote authorizing the purchase of a poor farm. A house and land near Beech Hill was purchased. This became the town farm and the house of correction.² The town farm was sold in 1869.³

Exeter elected overseers of the poor, varying in number from one to five, for the years 1737, 1740-51, and 1769-1870.⁴ It can be assumed that the selectmen have acted in that capacity in other years. In 1936 the selectmen began hiring assistance in the person of a relief agent. One has been employed annually to date.

Records are kept at the office of the selectmen and the residence of the relief agent, Harold T. French.

For annual reports of the relief agent, see entry 30.

87. [RELIEF APPLICATIONS], 1934--. Approx. 125 papers
in 1 f. d. System began 1934.

Date; name, residence, age, birthplace, birthdate, citizenship, and marital status of applicant; record of residence in last 10 years; poll tax record; amount and value of real estate; number of children; record of previous occupations; reasons for and previous record of relief; requirements of family; record of service in army or navy; signature of applicant and jurat; money in bank; disposition; and settlement data, showing name and address of applicant, case number, name of town, number of years poll and property taxes paid, and signatures of selectmen. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 12 x 13½ x 26. Off. sel.

88. ORDER BLANK, 1934--. Approx. 7,000 papers in
7 boxes. Prior papers missing.

Duplicate orders for relief: order number, date issued, names and addresses of recipient and vendor, case number, kind of relief, purpose, and signatures of overseer of poor and recipient. Arr. chron. by date of order and numer. thereunder by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 7 x 9 x 16. Res.

For original orders, see entry 52-b.

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1. Bell, op. cit., p. 105; T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 472 (1795), pp. 482, 483 (1797), see entry 1.
 2. Bell, op. cit., p. 105; T. M. B., vol. 5, p. 37 (1817), see entry 1.
 3. T. M. B., vol. 8, p. 516 (1869), see entry 1.
 4. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 251 (1737), vol. 8, p. 544 (1870), et passim, 1740-1869

Health Officer (Board of
Health); Highway Agent
(Highway Surveyors)

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89. [Relief] LEDGER, 1888-93, 1901-14, 1932--.

5 vols. Prior records missing.

Date, name of recipient, kind of aid, town or county case, purpose, amount, articles, total amount, and signature of agent. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of recipient. Hdw. 175 pp. 10 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 4 vols., 1888-93, 1901-14, 1932-33, off. sel.; 1 vol.; 1934--., res.

XIX. HEALTH OFFICER (BOARD OF HEALTH)

In 1871 and 1872 the selectmen of Exeter appointed a board of health consisting of three members.¹ For the next eight years no record can be found of the office being filled, but in 1881 a board of three members was again appointed. From that date through 1915 one to three members were appointed annually,² except for the year 1897, when one was elected.³ Since 1915, in compliance with an act of the legislature, the State Board of Health has appointed the health officer upon the recommendation of the selectmen.⁴ He keeps no records.

XX. HIGHWAY AGENT (HIGHWAY SURVEYORS)

The records show that Exeter elected a highway surveyor in 1651.⁵ In 1660 the selectmen acted as highway surveyors, but the town again elected surveyors in 1671, 1675, 1678, 1680, and 1689. The number elected in each of those years was two.⁶ Surveyors were regularly elected 1690-1834.⁷ At intervals, from 1854 through 1871, one to thirteen surveyors were appointed.⁸ For the years 1875-92, from thirteen to seventeen were appointed annually, except for the year 1884.⁹ The term highway agent was first used in 1894, from which time to date one officer having that title has been elected annually.¹⁰

Records are kept at the residence of Alvin E. Foss, highway agent.
For annual reports of the highway agent, see entry 30.

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1. T. M. B., vol. 8, p. 594 (1871), p. 615 (1872), see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 9, p. 383 (1881), vol. 12, p. 207 (1915), et passim, 1882-1914.
 3. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 420 (1897).
 4. New Hampshire Laws of 1915, ch. 27.
 5. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 53 (1651), see entry 1.
 6. Ibid., 1660-89, passim.
 7. Ibid., 1690-1834, passim.
 8. Ibid., 1854-71, passim.
 9. Ibid., vol. 8, p. 120 (1875), vol. 10, p. 138 (1892), et passim, 1876-91.
 10. Ibid., vol. 10 p. 65 (1894), et passim, 1895--.

Trustees of the Swasey
Parkway

(90-92)

90. [Purchase] RECORDS, 1930--. 10 vols.

System began 1930.

Date, kind of articles purchased, name of company, amount, itemized account, check number, and date paid. Arr. chron. by date of purchase. Indexed alph. by name of company. Hdw. 175 pp. 12 x 9 x 1.

91. RECORD [of Labor Accounts], 1930--.

10 vols. System began 1930.

Date; name of worker; amounts earned for week, month, and year; and check number. Arr. chron. by date work began. Indexed alph. by name of laborer. Hdw. 175 pp. 12 x 9 x 1.

92. [Maintenance] RECORDS, 1930--. 10 vols.

System began 1930.

Name of street or road, kind of work done, amounts for labor and materials, total, names of men, number of trucks on job, and dates started and finished. Arr. chron. by date job started. Indexed alph. by name of street or road. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 175 pp. 12 x 9 x 1.

XXI. TRUSTEES OF THE SWASEY PARKWAY

Ambrose Swasey, co-founder of the Warner-Swasey Company of Cleveland, Ohio, was a native of Exeter. He gave the town a bandstand in Exeter Square, and was one of the benefactors of the Exeter hospital.

Purchasing the land and buildings on the river's edge approach to his homestead, he filled in the land, removed the buildings, built a road, and transformed the west bank of the Exeter River into a beautiful park which he turned over to the town in 1930, together with a fund for its proper upkeep. Mr. Swasey died at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1937.

The town accepted the gift and the land became known, at first, as the Exeter Shore Parkway.¹ In March 1931, a board of three trustees, serving 1, 2, and 3 years respectively, was elected to have charge of the parkway. Since that time one trustee has been elected annually for a 3-year term.²

In 1932, 1 year after the establishment of the board of trustees, the town passed a resolution to rename the parkway in honor of the donor. From that time the trustees have been known as the Trustees of the Swasey Parkway.³ Regulations for the use of the parkway were recorded, and they are enforced by the selectmen and the police commissioners of the town.⁴

The trustees keep no records. For annual reports of the trustees, see entry 30.

1. T. M. B., vol. 13, p. 251 (1930), see entry 1.

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3. Ibid., vol. 13, p. 354 (1932), et passim, 1933--.

4. Ibid., vol. 13, p. 376 (1932).

ARTICLE IN BRIEF

1. The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of a new drug on the treatment of hypertension.

2. The study was conducted in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled manner.

3. The results of the study showed that the new drug significantly reduced blood pressure compared to the placebo.

CONCLUSIONS

4. The new drug is effective in the treatment of hypertension and may be a valuable addition to the armamentarium of the physician.

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XXII. POLICE AND CONSTABLES

At intervals, from 1651 through 1846, one to three constables were elected in Exeter.¹ Then through 1914 the number of constables chosen by the town varied from five to twelve, except for the year 1892 when but one was appointed to that office by the selectmen.² The last mention of a constable in Exeter was the appointment of one man in 1917.³

During the earlier years at least, constables were not very popular, since it was one of their duties to collect taxes, and rather than accept the position many persons preferred to pay the then heavy fine of 5 pounds. Later, constables elected by the voters were permitted to avoid serving as such if they would provide a suitable substitute.⁴ In Exeter the constable has acted upon occasion as liquor agent,⁵ town orrier,⁶ tax collector,⁷ and sealer of weights and measures.⁸

Exeter did not establish police until 1844, and then for many years distinguished between police and constables by limiting the former strictly to supervision of law and order.⁹ In 1895 the State legislature established for the town of Exeter a police commission composed of three members to be appointed by the Governor, one for 2 years, one for 4 years, and one for 6 years. Thereafter biennially one member of the commission was to be appointed by the Governor and Council for a term of 6 years. The police officers, five in number, were to be appointed by the commission. Provisions were also made for the appointment of special police.¹⁰ At the present time the police commission (three members appointed, one each year for a 3-year term by the Governor and Council) appoints for indefinite terms, a superintendent (chief), three regular officers, and four special officers.

Records, when not otherwise stated, will be found at the police station.

For annual reports of the superintendent of police, see entry 30.

93. RECORD [Police Commissioners' Minutes],
1895-1933, 1935--. 2 vols. Prior records
and 1934 missing.

Minutes of meetings: number of commissioners present, complaints and other matters discussed, suggestions made to chief of police, lists of officers, monthly expenditures, regulations, and resignations and appointments of officers. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 430 pp. 14 x 10 x 2. Res. Elbridge A. Goodwin, member of police commission.

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 53 (1651), et passim, 1652-1846, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., 1847-1914, passim.
 3. Ibid., vol. 12, p. 324 (1917).
 4. Ibid., vol. 3, pp. 7, 8 (1741); Bell, op. cit., p. 147.
 5. See T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 144 (1812), see entry 1.
 6. See Ibid., vol. 4; p. 29 (1806).
 7. See Ibid., vol. 3, p. 382 (1782).
 8. See Ibid., vol. 1, p. 41 (1649).
 9. Ibid., vol. 7, p. 77 (1844), et passim, 1845-1917.
 10. New Hampshire Laws of 1895, ch. 188.

Municipal (Police) Court

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94. LEDGER [Arrests], 1891--. 3 vols.

Prior records missing.

Record of arrests: date, time, names of offender and arresting officer, amount of bond, and disposition. Arr. chron. by date and time of entry. 1 vol., 1891-1921, no index; 2 vols., 1922--, indexed alph. by name of offender. Hdw. 1891-1921, 150 pp. 16 x 10½ x 1½; 1922--, 300 pp. 10½ x 8 x 2½.

95. [FINGER PRINT RECORD CARDS], 1930--. Approx.

5,000 cards in 21 f. d. System began 1930.

Front side of card: name of prisoner, alias, number, color, sex, classification reference, prints of four fingers (both hands taken simultaneously), prints of both thumbs taken simultaneously, amputations, verified by, classified by, searched by, and prisoner's signature. Reverse side of card: town from which committed, court committing, name of justice, date of arrest, arresting officer, crime, sentence, date of sentence, nationality, age, personal description, remarks, criminal history (name, number, city or institution, charge, disposition), and front and side view photographs. Arr. numer. by case no. and alph. thereunder by name of criminal. No index. Typed on ptd. forms, 7 x 9½ x 28.

96. RECORD [of Tramps], 1907--. 2 vols. System began 1907.

Name, age, occupation, height, weight, and description of tramp; where from; destination; and time entering and leaving jail. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

XXIII. MUNICIPAL (POLICE) COURT

The towns of Exeter, Kensington, Kingston, East Kingston, Brentwood, Newfields, and Stratham were bound under the jurisdiction of a police court established by the legislature of 1913. The court's sessions were to be held in Exeter, and the justice, appointed by the Governor and Council, was to act as clerk of the court unless he preferred to appoint and to pay another person to act as clerk.¹

Police courts were abolished in 1915, and were replaced by municipal courts.² The clerks of these courts (or the justices in the event they acted as clerks) were required to keep records of all proceedings.³ Records have been kept, covering the period of the Exeter municipal court. Police court records have not been found, although Mr. Shute, the former justice, believes that such records were kept.

Records are kept at the police station, and the office of Judge Ernest G. Templeton.

For annual reports of the justice of the municipal court, see entry 30.

1. New Hampshire Laws of 1913, ch. 169.

2. New Hampshire Laws of 1915, ch. 30.

3. See references given in foot notes 1 and 2 above, and Public Laws of New Hampshire, ch. 323, sec. 10 (1926).

97. DOCKET, 1915--. 6 vols. Title varies:

Municipal Court of Exeter, 1915-29, 3 vols.

State vs. (name of offender), name of justice, date, docket number, offense, plea, verdict, sentence, fines and costs, total, where sent, name and term of court if appealed, bail, and signature of justice. Arr. numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of offender. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 3 vols., 1915-29, 400 pp. 12 x 10 x 2; 3 vols., 1930--, 544 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. 5 vols., 1915-37, police station; 1 vol., 1937--, off. Judge Ernest G. Templeton.

XXIV. DOG CONSTABLE

The Town Minute Books show that two dog constables were elected in 1894 and 1895. At intervals, 1896-1934, one dog constable was placed in office.¹ The appointive method was employed, except in 1924, when a dog constable was elected.² The 1934 dog constable is still in office, though his appointment does not appear after that date.

He keeps no records. For record of dog tax, 1880, see entry 1-u; for dog license records, 1892-93, 1919--, see entry 19.

XXV. LIQUOR AGENT

In 1812 an injunction was issued to the selectmen directing them to prevent liquor sales or possession of intoxicants at the courthouse on town meeting days. The constable was empowered to see that this rule was enforced.³ In 1838 the selectmen were authorized to adopt "all lawfull and equitable measures" in the promotion of temperance,⁴ and by 1842 it was deemed advisable to restrain druggists in the sale of liquor.⁵ The following year more forcible steps were taken. A committee of three was appointed to prosecute liquor law violations, the expenses of the committee to be paid by the overseers of the poor, and a town liquor agent was established under the overseers' supervision; the agent was required to keep records.⁶ It is not known how long he retained his office.

A law of 1855 provided that selectmen might appoint one or more--but not exceeding three--town liquor agents. They were to be the sole purveyors of intoxicants for the town.⁷ Taking advantage of the law, Exeter appointed such agents annually 1855-59,⁸ but the office was filled from that time on only at irregular intervals. In 1879 two agents,⁹ and in

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1. T. M. B., vol. 10, p. 266 (1894), et passim, 1895-1934, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 12, p. 11 (1924).
 3. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 144 (1812).
 4. Ibid., vol. 6, pp. 489-491 (1838).
 5. Ibid., vol. 7, p. 35 (1842).
 6. Ibid., vol. 7, p. 57 (1843).
 7. New Hampshire Laws of 1855, ch. 1658, secs. 1, 2.
 8. T. M. B., vol. 8, p. 63 (1855), p. 188 (1859), et passim, 1856-58, see entry 1.
 9. Ibid., vol. 9, p. 301 (1879).

1888¹ three agents were appointed. In 1890,² 1895³ and 1896⁴ one agent filled the office.

No records have been found. For liquor licenses, see entries 1-aj, 2-c, 35-a. For tavern licenses, see entries 1-am, 35-b.

XXVI. FIRE DEPARTMENT

As early as 1771 Exeter took steps to guard against the danger of fires by requiring householders to furnish two leather buckets, two bags, and a ladder long enough to reach the upper story if the house was two stories in height.⁵ Two years later this requirement was again mentioned, this time particularly in reference to the heavily settled portion of the town.⁶

It was in 1783 that Exeter accepted an act regulating fire extinguishing,⁷ which had been passed by the legislature more specifically for Portsmouth. This act called for the election of persons designated as firewards, who were given strict duties of supervising the actual extinguishing of fires, and were empowered to inspect buildings to preclude the possibility of fires.⁸ Firewards, varying in number from seven to ten, were elected in Exeter from 1783 through 1846, except for the year 1820.⁹ Sometime before 1785 Exeter purchased a fire engine for use of the town. Exactly when this purchase was made has not been recorded, but the engine was repaired in 1785.¹⁰

A law defining the duties of firewards was passed by the legislature December 16, 1828,¹¹ and Exeter voted to adopt it in 1831.¹² Various changes were made in 1844, 1846, and 1847, whereby old engine companies were abolished, new ones were established, and the number of men employed in these companies limited to 114.¹³ In 1848 a fire chief was appointed. From that time until 1932, the Town Minute Books, except for gaps, mention the annual appointment of a fire chief and firemen varying in number from two to ten.¹⁴ Since all appointments are for the year or until a successor

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1. T. M. B., vol. 9, p. 684 (1888), see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 22 (1890).
 3. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 328 (1895).
 4. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 382 (1896).
 5. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 272 (1771).
 6. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 290 (1773).
 7. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 394 (1783).
 8. Laws of New Hampshire, 4:380-384 (1781).
 9. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 395 (1783), et passim, 1784-1846, see entry 1.
 10. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 415 (1785). For examples of other purchases of equipment, see: Ibid., vol. 3, p. 442½ (1789), p. 466 (1794); vol. 6, pp. 297, 302 (1835); vol. 7, p. 74 (1844); vol. 9, p. 27 (1873); vol. 10, p. 43 (1890), p. 62 (1891), p. 115 (1892); vol. 13, p. 176 (1928).
 11. Laws of New Hampshire, 9:765-770 (1828).
 12. T. M. B., vol. 6, p. 78 (1831), see entry 1.
 13. Ibid., 1844-47, passim.
 14. Ibid., vol. 7, pp. not numbered (1848), vol. 13, p. 310 (1931), et passim, 1849-1930.

is chosen, it may be assumed that the gaps apparent in the record books were caused by the fact that incumbents were sometimes held over in their office for an additional term.

The Town Minute Books do not mention fire department appointments 1932-40, but at present there is a chief engineer and two assistant engineers. The firemen have become known as call men. These are chosen by a vote of the fire company, and are then appointed by the engineers. There are twenty-seven call men at present.¹

The story would not be complete without mention of the assistance given to Exeter's early fire-fighters by semi-social organizations within the town. In 1798 a number of citizens entered into an association called the Fire Society of Exeter. Their limited membership was comprised of persons who provided themselves with fire-fighting equipment, and acted as voluntary firemen. They were expected to attend every fire and assist in extinguishing it. This society continued for many years and became the precursor of similar organizations. The Junior Fire Society was in successful operation in 1817, and the Phoenix Fire Society in 1832.²

Records are kept at the Central Fire Station; the residence of George F. Adams, chief engineer; the residence of Perley G. Field, assistant engineer; the residence of Arthur A. Plouffe, clerk of Steamer Company; the residence of George Howard, clerk of Combination No. 3; the residence of Joseph Bruce, clerk of C. E. Warren Co. No. 2; and at the Higgins Ice Cream Company.

For annual reports of the chief engineer, see entry 30.

98. [Engineers'] RECORD, 1860--. 4 vols. Prior records missing.

1860-78, 1882-1901, 1922--: by-laws of fire department and each company; list of members in each company; and minutes of engineers' meetings, showing date, articles discussed, votes taken, and names submitted to selectmen for appointment. Also contains:

Record of fires, 1878--, showing date, time, kind, cause, and place of fire; and amount of damage. For town clerk's record of fires, 1889--, see entry 26; for related records, 1928--, see entry 99; for records of the separate fire companies, see entries 101-106.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 185 pp. 12 x 9 x 1. Res. George Adams.

99. FIRE RECORDS, 1928--. 3 vols. System began 1928. Title varies slightly.

Call record, showing time of call, box or telephone number, kind of fire, damage, and remarks; list of members of fire department, showing names of company and members; and repairs on equipment, showing kind of work done, by whom, and costs. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 90 pp. 10 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Central Fire Station.

For town clerk's record of fires, 1889--, see entry 26; for related records, 1878--, see entry 98; for records of the separate fire companies, see entries 101-106.

1. Statement of George Adams, chief engineer.

2. Bell, op. cit., p. 102.

100. [APPOINTMENT BOOK], 1829-42. 1 vol.

Isolated record.

Appointments of officers, showing names of State, county, and appointee; date; company assigned; and signature of chairman of firewards. Arr. chron. by date of appointment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 145 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Res. Perley G. Fields.

101. [RECORDS OF PIONEER COMPANY NO. 1], 1872-

81. 1 vol. Isolated record.

Minutes of meetings, showing date, names of members, officers elected, by-laws adopted, and votes taken; and record of fires, showing time, number of members reporting, and time company returned. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 9 x 1. Central Fire Station.

For town clerk's record of fires, 1889--, see entry 26; for related records, see entries 98, 99.

102. [RECORD OF STEAMER COMPANY], 1873--. 4

vols. Company organized 1873.

Minutes of meetings, showing date, members present, officers elected, votes taken, by-laws adopted, and fines collected; and record of fires, showing time, box number, location and kind of fire, equipment used, number of members present, and time returned. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 9 x 1. Res. Arthur A. Plouffe.

For town clerk's record of fires, 1889--, see entry 26; for related records, see entries 98, 99.

103. [RECORD--COMBINATION NO. 3], 1884--. 3 vols.

Prior records missing.

Minutes of meetings, showing date, election of officers, votes taken, lists of members, and by-laws adopted; record of fires, showing box number, time, location and kind of fire, damage, number of members present, and number of members fined for not attending; and financial reports. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 185 pp. 12 x 9 x 1. Res. George Howard.

For town clerk's record of fires, 1889--, see entry 26; for related records, see entries 98, 99.

104. [RECORDS OF HOSE COMPANY NO. 3], 1888-92.

1 vol. Isolated record.

Minutes of meetings: date, articles discussed, votes taken, roll call, fines for not attending, by-laws adopted, list of members, and record of fire alarms. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 x 8 x 1. Res. Perley G. Fields.

For town clerk's record of fires, 1889--, see entry 26; for related records, see entries 98, 99.

105. [RECORDS OF HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY], 1892--.

3 vols. Prior records missing.

Minutes of meetings, showing date, election of officers, by-laws adopted, and votes taken; and record of fires, showing number of box, time, location, damage, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 9 x 1. Higgins Ice Cream Company.

For town clerk's record of fires, 1889--, see entry 26; for related records, see entries 98, 99.

Forest Fire Warden; Building
Inspector; Keeper of the
Magazine

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106. [RECORD BOOK OF C. E. WARREN COMPANY NO. 2],
1900--. 2 vols. Prior records missing.

Minutes of meetings: date, time, and place of meeting; officers elected; votes taken; financial reports; list of members; by-laws adopted. Record of fires: time, location, kind of fire, number of box, damage, equipment used, time returned, and number of members present. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 190 pp. 12 x 9 x 1. Res. Joseph Bruce.

For town clerk's record of fires, 1889--, see entry 26; for related records, see entries 98, 99.

XXVII. FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The State Forester is authorized by law to appoint, upon recommendation of the selectmen, a forest fire warden and deputies.¹ George Adams is the forest fire warden for Exeter, as well as the head of the town's fire department. The deputy forest fire warden is Forest Nichols.

Mr. Adams gives oral permission to build fires, and sends a report to the State Forester, but does not keep records of his own.

XXVIII. BUILDING INSPECTOR

In 1894 a building inspector was elected to serve for two years.² In 1896³ and 1898⁴ this official was appointed by the selectmen. No further mention of the office has been found.

This office kept no records.

XXIX. KEEPER OF THE MAGAZINE

In 1771 Exeter built the brick powder-house near the first point on the eastern side of the salt (Squamscot) river.⁵ Since it is known there was a plant to manufacture gunpowder in Exeter,⁶ it may be assumed the town used this building for a town magazine. The legislature on December 17, 1812, passed a resolution empowering the Governor to purchase a supply of powder, lead, and flints for the use of the State. Half of this material was to be stored in Exeter, and the Governor was authorized to "procure some suitable magazines, or safe place of deposit * * * for the safe keeping of the public stores aforesaid."⁷ There is little doubt that Exeter's powder-house was used to store these munitions at that time. Since the Town Minute Books do not mention a keeper of the magazine, it is probable that matters relating to the powder-house were managed by the

1. Public Laws of New Hampshire, ch. 191, secs. 13, 16 (1926).

2. T. M. B., vol. 10, p. 65 (1894), see entry 1.

3. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 377 (1896).

4. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 508 (1898).

5. Bell, op. cit., p. 82.

6. Ibid., p. 328.

7. Laws of New Hampshire, 8:201 (1812).

Weighers; Sealer of Weights
and Measures; Sealer of
Leather

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selectmen. The powder-house is still standing.
No records have been found.

XXX. WEIGHERS

In 1773 Exeter elected four weighers of bread.¹ One such official was appointed in 1814.² In 1866 one weigher of grain was appointed,³ and the following year one was elected.⁴ From 1890 to date from one to fifteen weighers have been elected annually. The current number is twelve.⁵ These officials keep no records.

XXXI. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

A sealer of weights and measures was elected as early as 1675.⁶ From that date through 1753 the Town Minute Books do not mention the filling of this office. In 1754, and at intervals through 1778, a sealer was chosen.⁷ One sealer was elected annually from 1780 through 1918.⁸ At the present time the sealing of weights and measures is under the supervision of the State, except that cities of 10,000 or more population still have the office of sealer.⁹

He kept no records.

XXXII. SEALER OF LEATHER

From 1720 through 1932, with the exception of 1728, a sealer of leather was among the officers elected annually. From one to four persons filled the office during its span, but in most years a single sealer was chosen.¹⁰ In 1933 the office was abolished and the duties were taken over by the selectmen and the chief of police.¹¹

This office kept no records.

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1. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 287 (1773), see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 201 (1814).
 3. Ibid., vol. 8, p. 397 (1866).
 4. Ibid., vol. 8, p. 448 (1867).
 5. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 8 (1890), et passim, 1891--.
 6. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 105 (1675).
 7. Ibid., 1754-78, passim.
 8. Ibid., 1780-1918, passim.
 9. Public Laws of New Hampshire, ch. 161 (1926).
 10. T. M. B., 1720-1932, passim, see entry 1.
 11. Ibid., vol. 13, p. 409 (1933).

XXXIII. MILK INSPECTOR

The Town Minute Books show the appointment of a milk inspector annually 1907-17 except for 1911 and 1916.¹ Although no such appointment appears in the Town Minute Books after 1917, the present milk inspector holds office by virtue of an appointment made several years ago.

This official keeps no records. For licenses to sell milk, 1931--., see entry 36.

XXXIV. LUMBER OFFICERS

An early mention of a lumber officer in Exeter was in 1664, when a man was chosen who was to have the power to mark the trees that could be used for masts. He was to range the woods and see "whether any of the said trees be fallen by any otherwise than this order * * *." He was also to act as agent for the sale of such masts--with the stipulation that the town of Exeter was to receive payment for the masts before they were put into the water.²

In 1672 surveyors of wood, lumber and bark appeared in Exeter. In 1693 the first culler of staves was elected. In some years the two offices acted separately, but in other years one office performed the duties of the other; for example, in 1742 one culler of staves and two surveyors of wood, lumber and bark were elected, but in 1743 the cullers acted as surveyors, and in 1759 the surveyors acted as cullers. The foregoing is but an example of this office interchange which occurred frequently enough to give grounds for the assumption that both continued at least until 1787.³

After 1787 a culler of staves is not mentioned again except for the brief span of 1901-1907.⁴ The surveyors of wood, lumber and bark, on the other hand, continued intermittently through 1813,⁵ and annually from 1815 to date. Since 1815 the number elected has varied from one to forty-four. The current number is five.⁶

Corders of wood are found for the first time in the Town Minute Books for the year 1747,⁷ and they appear thereafter in 1749, 1755, 1769, 1775, and 1793.⁸ Surveyors of timber and planks are mentioned at intervals between 1748 and 1832.⁹ A culler of pipe staves appears in Exeter for the

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1. T. M. B., vol. 11, p. 424 (1907), vol. 12, p. 328 (1917), et passim, 1908-1916, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 76 (1664).
 3. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 97 (1672), vol. 3, p. 432 (1787), et passim, 1673-86.
 4. Ibid., vol. 11, p. 80 (1901), p. 424 (1907), et passim, 1902-1906.
 5. Ibid., 1788-1813, passim.
 6. Ibid., 1815--., passim.
 7. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 53 (1747).
 8. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 59 (1749), p. 92 (1755), p. 242 (1769), p. 312 (1775), p. 460 (1793).
 9. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 53 (1748), vol. 6, p. 117 (1832), et passim, 1749-1831.

Surveyor of Stone; Surveyor
of Plastering; Pound-
Keeper

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year 1646 only.¹

No records of lumber officers have been found.

XXXV. SURVEYOR OF STONE

In 1874, and from 1876 through 1903, from one to six surveyors of stone were elected annually.² No further mention of these officers has been found.

They kept no records.

XXXVI. SURVEYOR OF PLASTERING

A surveyor of plastering was appointed for the year 1897.³ This is the only mention of this officer.

He kept no records.

XXXVII. POUND-KEEPER

In 1721 it was "voted that the Inhabitants of Lamporel River below Capt. Jerimiah Gilmans house to have Leave to buld a pound for the use of the Said town at thair own Cost and Charge * * *."⁴ Fifteen years later it was "voted that ye old pound be moved from where it now Stands provided Mr. Edward Gilman Give Seourity to ye Selectmen that he will move his fence Soe as to make an even front equal to the south side of ye pound and that neither he the Sd. Edward Gilman nor his heirs Shall at any time Incroach upon any part of sd. land Where the pound now stands."⁵ Eleven years after that, "It was put to vote weither the Selectmen Should Rase Money for the building a Pound and it passed in the afermitive and that it be set by the Buring Place below the Meeting house * * *."⁶ In 1782 it was "Voted that the Selectmen prepare meterals to Build a pound at the Best and lois prices this Winter."⁷ Another vote for a pound occurred in 1803 when the selectmen were authorized to build a pound of whatever materials, and at whatever place, they thought best.⁸

There is a pound standing today on Winter Street near the cemetery. Research has failed to disclose the date of its construction.

The records show the election of a pound-keeper intermittently, 1680-1932.⁹ It is probable that he existed either officially or unofficially

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1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 30 (1646), see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 9, p. 103 (1874), et passim, 1876-1903.
 3. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 468 (1897).
 4. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 168 (1721).
 5. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 246 (1736).
 6. Ibid., vol. 3, pp. 47, 48 (1747).
 7. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 387 (1782).
 8. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 18 (1803).
 9. Ibid., 1680-1932, passim.

Haywards (Field Drivers and
Hogreeves)

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before 1680, using as a pound some barn in the town.¹ But his office was superfluous long before 1932; in those later years the filling of this office must be regarded as an election day joke. It has been impossible to ascertain when the pound was last used, but judging from other towns in the State it would be surprising to learn that the pound was used after 1840. In 1877 towns were given the right to discontinue town pounds by vote at any town meeting,² but the pound-keeper remains an elective town officer in the statute books,³ and the legal procedure relative to strays is still in force.⁴

The jocular election of an Exeter pound-keeper was discontinued in 1933 by a recommendation that duties arising from his office be left to the selectmen and chief of police.⁵

No separate pound-keeper's records were kept. For records of strays, 1724-1894, see entries 1-be, 35-c. For record of animal marks, 1707-1820, see entry 1-g. For record of town pounds, 1747, 1782, see entry 1-bi.

XXXVIII. HAYWARDS (FIELD DRIVERS AND HOGREEVES)

An early mention of hogreeves in Exeter was in 1646 when one was elected.⁶ There is no further mention of this office until 1675,⁷ but one hayward and field driver was chosen in 1649.⁸ Neither office was filled again until 1720, but from that year through 1760 from two to eight haywards and field drivers were listed except for the years 1739, 1743, 1745, 1746, and 1758.⁹ For the years 1761-69, four to seven hogreeves were chosen, and during the years 1765-69 these officials performed the duties of haywards and field drivers.¹⁰ During the period 1771-87 the duties of hogreeves, fence viewers, and haywards and field drivers were sometimes vested in one set of officers. In 1771, 1776, and 1781 the haywards and field drivers performed the duties of hogreeves. From 1788 through 1845 the office of hogreeves was combined with that of hayward and field driver, and from two to ten persons were chosen.¹¹ At intervals, 1720-81 haywards and field drivers were elected separately from hogreeves.¹² The 1845 mention of hogreeves is the last in the Town Minute Books, but from one to seven haywards and field drivers were elected

1. See Bell, op. cit., p. 147.

2. New Hampshire Laws of 1877, ch. XL.

3. Public Laws of New Hampshire, ch. 47, sec. 36 (1926).

4. Ibid., ch. 220 (1926). See also the essay on pound-keeper in Town Government in New Hampshire (Preliminary Edition), (Manchester, New Hampshire, The Historical Records Survey Project, 1940), p. 132.

5. T. M. B., vol. 13, p. 409 (1933), see entry 1.

6. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 29 (1646).

7. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 105 (1675).

8. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 58 (1649).

9. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 159 (1720), vol. 3, p. 134 (1760), et passim, 1721-59.

10. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 142 (1761), et passim, 1762-69.

11. Ibid., 1771-1845, passim.

12. Ibid., 1720-81, passim.

annually 1846-1932, except for the years 1915-17.¹ In 1933 the field driver was abolished by a recommendation that any duties arising from his office should be undertaken by the selectmen and chief of police.²

No records were kept.

XXXIX. FISH WARDENS

An act of the legislature, approved June 27, 1809, officially sanctioned the establishment of the office of fish warden in Exeter. Such wardens were to see that the laws for the preservation of bass in the Piscataqua River were duly observed. Wardens were to be chosen at the annual town meeting and a fine of \$3.34 was to be inflicted upon the warden so chosen, if he neglected or refused to take the oath of office. On the other hand, this same law also stipulated that no person was obliged to serve in the office more than once in three years.³

Accordingly, the following year (1810) three fish wardens were elected in Exeter; henceforth from two to three were elected annually through 1822.⁴ The Town Minute Books make no further mention of this office for sixty-two years, but it is recorded that one fish warden was elected annually for the years 1884-86.⁵ In 1887 one was appointed by the State.⁶ For the next two years there is again no mention of the office, but from 1890 through 1899 three to four fish wardens were appointed or elected annually.⁷

In 1874 the State Fish Commissioners were authorized to appoint fish wardens in any towns that did not have those officials, if the town bordered on waters where fishing was prohibited at specified times.⁸ The 1887 appointment referred to in the preceding paragraph probably fell under this provision.

No records were kept.

XL. DEER INSPECTOR

The first mention of a deer inspector in Exeter was in 1758 when one was elected.⁹ For the next six years two were chosen annually.¹⁰ In 1773, and again in 1779, two were elected.¹¹ After 1779 no further mention of the office can be found.

No records were kept.

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1. T. M. B., 1846-1932, passim, see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., vol. 13, p. 409 (1933).
 3. Laws of New Hampshire, 7:832, 833 (1809).
 4. T. M. B., vol. 4, p. 102 (1810), vol. 5, p. 160 (1822), et passim, 1811-21, see entry 1.
 5. Ibid., 1884-86, passim.
 6. Ibid., vol. 9, p. 660 (1887).
 7. Ibid., vol. 10, p. 30 (1890), p. 546 (1899), et passim, 1891-98.
 8. New Hampshire Laws of 1874, ch. LXX.
 9. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 113 (1758), see entry 1.
 10. Ibid., 1759-64, passim.
 11. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 287 (1773), p. 355 (1779).

XLI. FENCE VIEWERS

Exeter enacted in 1640 that each man in the town should be required to "fence, the next spring, a general fence, every man an equal proportion, according to the quantity of the ground lying within the fence * * *." A time limit for the fencing was prescribed. For each day in excess of the limit a fine of five shillings was imposed upon the delinquent person.¹ By December of the same year the Exeter inhabitants made an agreement "that when we come to fence in particular, that it may be put to the consideration of two indifferent men what their fence was worth, by those which fenced * * *."² The language is difficult to interpret, but the probable meaning is that two men were to be selected to adjust fence disputes.

Will Cole and Robert Smith were ordered in 1643 to oversee farms about town and warn farmers whose fences were defective. Owners of fenced land could be charged with any damage done because of defective fences.³ These two men were actually fence viewers, though they officiated apparently without the title.

Fence viewers, as such, were first mentioned in 1646 when two were elected.⁴ Other early references show one elected in 1675,⁵ two in 1689,⁶ three in 1693,⁷ and two in 1695.⁸ It is difficult to ascertain if they held office until their successors were elected, but it is quite possible that they did. In 1701 the fence viewers began to be elected annually, and during the ensuing nine years from two to six persons filled the office at a time.⁹ From 1711 through 1756 their duties were assumed by the highway surveyors. Fence viewers were elected again in 1757 and 1758. For the years 1759-74, their work of checking bounds was done by haywards, field drivers, highway surveyors, and hogreeves.¹⁰ In 1775 three fence viewers were elected, but this election was followed by another period during which their duties were undertaken by other town offices (primarily the highway surveyors).¹¹ In 1813 the fence viewers reappeared, and they have continued to date. Since 1924 two fence viewers have been elected annually.¹²

They keep no records. For fence viewers' reports, 1819-90, see entry 1-y.

1. Laws of New Hampshire, Appendix B, 1:741 (first paragraph).

2. Ibid., 1:741 (fourth paragraph).

3. Ibid., 1:743.

4. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 29 (1646), see entry 1.

5. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 105 (1675).

6. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 121 (1689).

7. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 123 (1693).

8. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 35 (1695).

9. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 83 (1701); et passim, 1702-10.

10. Ibid., 1711-74, passim.

11. Ibid., 1775-1812, passim.

12. Ibid., 1813-- , passim.

Lot Layers (Town Measurers);
Clerk of the Market;
Sexton (Bell Ringer,
Keeper of the Burial
Cloth)

(Next entry App. 1 p)

XLII. LOT LAYERS (TOWN MEASURERS)

In 1644 the Town Minute Books refer to twenty acres of land "Layed out and bounded by the towne measure [r] s."¹ That the duties of lot layers included the setting of bounds for highways is indicated by the following entry for 1658: "It is ordered that John Gilman Senior is to be ioyned [joined] a lot layer to Humfry Willsen and Thomas King already chosen * * * to lay out Lotts highwayes or other lands."² An entry for 1674 states: "according as the grants have been given in tyme and order soe they are to be layed out by the Lott layers appointed and ordered by the towne * * *."³ In Exeter one to four lot layers were elected at intervals from 1648 through 1783.⁴ No mention is made of them after the latter date.

They kept no records. For lot layers' reports, 1735, 1763, see entry 1-ao.

XLIII. CLERK OF THE MARKET

The only mention in the Town Minute Books of the election of a clerk of the market in Exeter occurs in 1751.⁵

He kept no records.

XLIV. SEXTON (BELL RINGER, KEEPER OF THE BURIAL CLOTH)

As early as 1728 the selectmen were given the power to hire a sexton at the rate of three pounds a year.⁶ In 1743 Daniel Thing was authorized to keep the burial cloth. In 1744 Samuel Akers was allowed a sum for ringing the bell and sweeping the meeting-house, and the following year John Gordon [sic] was hired to ring the bell.⁷ At a town meeting of 1768 the selectmen were authorized to hire a bell ringer.⁸ The Town Minute Books contain no further mention of either bell ringer or sexton, but W. G. Perry, reminiscing about Exeter in 1830, wrote that Major Charles Parks rung the town bell for many years.⁹

No records were kept.

1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 18 (1644), see entry 1.

2. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 77 (1658).

3. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 99 (1674).

4. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 39 (1648), vol. 3, p. 393 (1783), et passim, 1649-1782.

5. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 73 (1751).

6. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 204 (1728).

7. [Record of Payments], 1743-45, passim, see entry 31.

8. T. M. B., vol. 3, p. 238 (1768), see entry 1.

9. Perry, op. cit., p. 82.

XLV. TYTHINGMEN

Tythingmen were mentioned in Exeter as early as 1651 when two persons were elected to that office.¹ It would seem that the office was immediately taken over by the constables, for tythingmen do not appear again until 1678 when four persons were elected.² Their next appearance was in 1720. From that time through 1833, with the exception of 1794, 1798-99, and 1813-14, the Town Minute Books record the annual election of from one to six tythingmen.³ After 1833 the office disappeared.

No records were kept.

XLVI. TOWN CRIER

That Exeter used the picturesque office of town crier is indicated by a Town Minute Book reference of 1768 where nine pence was allowed for "crying" in three towns, concerning a stray mare.⁴ Yet, it is possible that this was done not by a regular town crier, but by a constable. A constable certified in 1806 that he had "notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Exeter by reading the within warrant in several parts of the street publicly."⁵

W. G. Perry seems to be the only authority who definitely mentions a person other than a constable acting as crier for Exeter. He writes:

A colored man named William Tash performed the duties of this office. He used to hang an old fashioned string of sleighbells round the neck of his horse, then mount and ride about town, proclaiming to the people that there was to be an auction or that a child was lost, or something of equal importance. He had a little shop on Newmarket road, where he did hair cutting. The first horse shoe that I ever saw nailed up over a door was on this shop. I connected it with something weird, and did not like to go there.⁶

No further mention of this office can be found. No records have been found.

1. T. M. B., vol. 1, p. 53 (1651), see entry 1.

2. Ibid., vol. 1, p. 110 (1678).

3. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 159 (1720), vol. 6, p. 175 (1833), et passim, 1721-1832.

4. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 233 (1768).

5. Ibid., vol. 4, p. 29 (1806).

6. Perry, op. cit., p. 10.

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APPENDIX

1. [THE WHEELWRIGHT DEEDS], April 3, 1638. 2 MSS.

Two Indian deeds granting land to John Wheelwright. Though both are dated April 3, 1638, it is believed that only one was actually drawn up on that date. The other, according to present day opinion, was drawn up afterwards and predated, its object being to thwart possible attack on the Wheelwright claims by making the southern boundary of Exeter 3 miles north of the Merrimack River, thus avoiding the danger of conflict with Massachusetts authorities. The first deed had designated the river as the boundary in spite of the fact that Massachusetts, under its charter, claimed territory extending northward from the river 3 miles. The first deed--the one setting the river as the boundary--is as follows:

Know all men by these presents that I Wehanownowit Sagamore of piskatoquacke for good considerations me there unto moving & for certain comodys which I have received have graunted & Sould vnto John Whelewright of piskatoquacke, Samuel Hutchinson & Augustine Stor of Boston Edward Calcord & Darby Field of piscataquacke & John Compton of Roxbury and Nicholas Needome of Mount Walliston, all the right title & interest in all such lands, woods, meadows, riuers, brookes, springs as of right belongs vnto me from Merimack riuer to the patents of piscatoquacke w^{ch} the South East side of piscatoquacke patents & goe into the Country north West thirty miles as far as Oyster river to haue & to hold the Same to them & their heirs for ever, onely the ground w^h is brokan up excepted, & that it shall be lawfull for the Said Sagamore to hunt & fish & fowl in the said limits. In Witness whereof I haue hereunto set my hand the 3^d day of April, 1638.

It is interesting to compare the above deed with the second deed, which is as follows:

Know all men by these p'sents y^t I Wehanonowitt Sagamore of Pischataquacke for a certajne some of money to mee in hand payd & other Merchandable commodities wch I have recd as likewise for other good causes & considerations mee y^r unto spetially moving, haue granted barganed alienated & sould vnto John Whelewright of Pischataqua & Augustine Storr of Bostone all those lands woods Medowes Marshes rivers brooke Springs wth all the apprtenances emoluments pfitts comoditys there unto belonging lying & situate within three miles on the Northerne side of y^e river Meremake extending thirty miles along by the river from the seaside, & from the sayd river side to Pischataqua Patents thirty miles vp into the countrey North West, & soe from the ffalls of Pischataqua to

Oyster river thirty miles square ev'ry way, to have & to hould the same to them & y^r heyers for ever, only the ground woh is broaken vp is excepted & it shall be lawfull for y^e sayd Sagamore to hunt fish & foule in the sayd lymitts. In witness w^rof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the third day of Aprill 1638.

It might be noted that the handwriting is entirely different in the two deeds which adds weight to the theory that the second deed was drawn up at a later time. The first deed is the property of the Exeter Historical Society, and it is located in the vault of the Exeter Banking Company. The second deed is the property of Phillips Exeter Academy and is kept in a safe in the office of the administration building of the academy. To conserve space the names of the witnesses to both deeds have been omitted.

2. [PETITION OF EXETER INHABITANTS REGARDING
BOUNDARY OF DOVER AND EXETER], May 24, 1652.
MS.

Petition by town of Exeter that Lampell (Lamprey) River be the bound between the towns of Dover and Exeter; and signatures of 7 inhabitants of the town of Exeter. Written from Exeter, New Hampshire. Hdw. 2 pp. 12 x 8. Mass. State Archives, rm. 437, Towns 1632-93, vol. 112, pp. 40, 41.

3. [PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION OF RIGHTS BY DOVER
AND SWAMSCOTT PATENTEES], May 15, 1654. MS.

Petition of John Allen, Edward Colcott [sic], and others, owners of the patents of Swamscott (Exeter) and Dover for a confirmation of their rights under their covenant with the General Court of Mass., June 14, 1641; and action of General Court thereon, refering the entire matter to the next session of the Court. Written from Dover, N. H. Hdw. 2 pp. 10 x 7. Mass. State Archives, rm. 437, Colonial 1629-1720, vol. 3, pp. 448, 448a.

4. [PETITION OF DOVER INHABITANTS AGAINST SWAMSCOTT
AND DOVER PATENTEES], 1654. MS.

Petition of inhabitants of Dover that having submitted to Massachusetts they may be protected in their rights against Edward Colcord and other owners of the patents of Swamscott (Exeter) and Dover. Written from Dover, New Hampshire, and signed by 36 inhabitants. Hdw. 2 pp. 12 x 8. Mass. State Archives, rm. 437, Colonial 1629-1720, vol. 3, pp. 446, 447.

5. [NOTICE TO SWAMSCOTT AND DOVER PATENTEES],
May 15, 1654. MS.

Order of notice from Edward Rawson, Secretary of Council, to John Allen, Edward Colcott [sic], and others--owners of patents of Swamscott (Exeter) and Dover--stating that their case had been referred to the next General Court. Written from Boston, Mass. Hdw. 1 p. 3 x 6. Mass State Archives, rm. 437, Colonial 1629-1720, vol. 3, p. 449.

6. [EXETER BOUNDARY], May 22, 1656. MS.

Proposals for adjustment of dispute between Swamscott (Exeter) and Dover; and General Court order. Sent by Edward Rawson, Secretary of Council, to the inhabitants of Dover and Swamscott (Exeter). Written from Boston,

Mass. Hdw. 2 pp. 12 x 8. Mass. State Archives, rm. 437, Colonial 1629-1720, vol. 3, pp. 451, 451a.

7. A PLAN OF THE COMPACT PART OF THE TOWN OF
EXETER, AT THE HEAD OF THE SOUTHERLY BRANCH
PISCATAQUA RIVER, 1802. 1 map.

Political map, showing position and names of streets; and sketches of Academy, public and private buildings with names of owners, Exeter River, ship yard, and powder-house. Artist, P. Merrill. Publisher, A. Peasley. Place of publication not given. Engraved, relief. Scale not given. 14 x 12½. N. H. H. S.

8. A PLAN OF THE TOWN OF EXETER, AT THE HEAD OF
THE SOUTHERLY BRANCH OF PISCATAQUA RIVER, 1802.
1 map.

Political map, showing location and names of adjacent towns, bounds, and acreage; sketches of public and private buildings with location and names of buildings or owners; distances from Great Meeting-house; and rivers, roads, hills, meadows, and woodlands. Artist, P. Merrill. Publisher, A. Peasley. Place of publication not given. Engraved, relief. Scale, 1": 160 rods. 12 x 11½. N. H. H. S.

9. A PLAN OF THE TOWN OF EXETER AT THE * * *
PISCATAQUA RIVER, 1818. 1 map.

Political map of Exeter dividing town into school districts agreeable to a vote passed March 1807; showing location of houses with names of owners; and date examined by selectmen, January 9, 1818. Exeter contained at this time 11,800 acres. Artist, P. Merrill. Publisher, A. Peasley. Place of publication not known. Ptd. Scale, 1": 160 rods. 17 x 14. Off. sel.

10. A MAP OF EXETER, August 1832. 1 map.

Political map, showing Squamscot (Exeter) River, southwest branch of Piscataqua River, height of tide, extent navigable (500 tons), Little River--branch of Exeter River--, names and positions of streets; and sketches of factories, public and private buildings with locations and names of owners. Names of artist, publisher, and place of publication not given. Black and white, hand drawn, mounted. Scale not given. 15 x 12. N. H. H. S.

11. PLAN OF TWO PIECES OF LAND IN EXETER BELONGING
TO THE HEIRS OF THE LATE GOVERNOR GILMAN, May 3,
1843. 1 map.

Property map, showing two tracts of land; plans with acreage and names of owners; and also a receipt, showing date, place, name of payer, amount, purpose (for surveying and making plans), and name of surveyor. Artist, John Kimball. Name of publisher not given. Place of publication, Exeter, New Hampshire. Black and white, hand drawn. Scale, 1": 4 rods. 16 x 12. N. H. H. S.

12. PLAN OF EXETER VILLAGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1845.
1 map.

Political map, showing Boston and Maine Railroad, rivers, locations and names of streets, and sketches of public and private buildings with location

Artist, Joseph Dow, Engraver, J. H. Bufford & Lithography Co., Boston, Mass. Ptd. Scale, 3 7/8": 64 rods. 25 3/4 x 16 1/8. N. H. H. S.

13. PLAN OF PIOUS USED LANDS OF THE NEW PARISH OF
EXETER, N. H. [Traced from Original Plan, Jan.
27, 1825], Aug. 18, 1921. 1 map.

Property map of "pious used lands" divided into three parts: mowing, corn, and pasture, showing location, bounds, and acreage of each part with names of owners. Artist, H. L. C. Name of publisher and place of publication not known. Black and white, hand traced, Scale, 1": 10 rods. 15 x 9 1/2. N. H. H. S.

14. PLAN OF THE COMPACT PART OF THE TOWN OF EXETER
NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1932. 1 map.

Political map, showing head of tide in Exeter River, names and locations of streets, sketches and names of public buildings, and sketches of homes with names of owners. Artist, James Emery Brooks; redrawn from map of P. Merrill, 1802. Name of publisher and place of publication not known. Black and white. No scale. 12 x 10. N. H. H. S.

15. MAP OF EXETER, N. H., 1639-1700, 1932.
1 map.

Political map of Exeter, showing rivers and roads, and sketches of houses with location and names of owners. Map is decorated with pictures of people, ox teams, deer, white and Indian hunters, trees, wigwams, man and boy sawing wood, a canoe, a ship, ducks, and sea gulls. Artist, Frank Gilman Peavey. Name of publisher and place of publication not given. Black and white. Scale not given. 23 x 11 1/8. N. H. H. S.

16. PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY, MAP OF A PART OF
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, undated. 1 map.

Property map of academy, showing bounds and acreage, and sketches of buildings and houses with names of owners. Artist, not given. Publisher, Walker Lith. & Pub. Co., Boston. Ptd. Green, black and white. Scale not given. 15 1/8 x 14 1/2. N. H. H. S.

17. PLAN OF LAND PART OF WHICH WAS SOLD TO WM.
WADLEIGH, EXETER, undated. 1 map.

Property map, showing bounds, acreage, and names of adjacent land owners. Note in center of map: "Containing 192 acres 128 Rods exclusive of the 2 acres & 43 rods which is Dean & Thing land. \$8.00." Names of artist, publisher, and place of publication not known. Black and white. Scale not given. 16 x 12 3/8. N. H. H. S.

18. [ANCIENT JAIL RECORDS], 1778-80, 1784. 4 MSS.

Two mittimuses for the confinement of prisoners, 1778, 1779; order for liberation of a prisoner, 1780; order for deportation of a prisoner to Halifax, 1784. The prisoners mentioned herein were probably Tories. Hdw. 1778, 3 1/2 x 7 1/2; 1779, 6 1/2 x 4; 1780, 6 1/2 x 5; 1784, 8 x 6 1/2. Exeter Public Library.

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